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A Compendium of Source Material to Make Your Speech Sparkle

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PREFACE

i book has been written for two groups of persons—the many men omen who must occasionally make an address, introduce a speaker ede at a meeting; and the large number of persons who would like prove their conversation.

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make the book also a compendium of source material that may be on many occasions in speeches and conversation, there are included 000 humorous stories, epigrams, similes, amusing definitions, quo- from literature, interesting incidents from famous lives, and al phrases. These materials are the practical tools by which speeches nversation are made fascinating and colorful. Books have been pub- which contained humorous stories other books have presented , or quotations. In this book, however an effort is made to show in le volume not only how to write a good speech, but also to present ndance of material which will assist in the preparation of speeches e improvement of conversation. The range is from the simplest rous story to the more difficult tools of effective speech. The public er has here instantly available a treasure chest of all types of speech als.

most commonly used method of making speeches and conversation interesting is humor There are times when a joke, well told, will gly illustrate a point, or definitely relieve a tense moment in dis- n or argument. At other times a short, barbed epigram, subtly intro- is helpful. Sometimes a good humorous definition is of assistance. umor must never be dragged in or conn— — ely of a series of

irrelevant jokes. It must be to the point, clearly told, and witho "that reminds me" introduction.

Quotations from the Bible and from literature are important materials because they frequently represent the most unusual, thou and classic expressions great men have made on significant subjects

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There are also the infinite number of interesting incidents whic be obtained from the stories of famous lives. In them one finds il tions of achievement, tragedy patience, adversity persistence and : experiences of human life. The wider one's reading in this field, the one's conversation and speech. Finally by careful reading one ac the knowledge which permits unusual phrases, such as those in C IX, to be made a part of daily conversation and prepared or ext raneous speeches. Eloquence may be one of the products of wise the increased knowledge which comes from reading good books. Re study and daily use of the source materials in this book will retur rewards.

This book has grown in part out of the practical experience of a ing hundreds of business and banking conventions, associations of merce, Rotary Kiwanis, Lions and Optimists clubs, high schoc college commencements, professional societies and other organiz To the extent that it serves to make speeches and conversation more tive and interesting, it will have served its purpose.

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Chapter I

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR SPEECH

Epictetus, the Stoic philosopher once said, "No great thing is created suddenly any more than a bunch of grapes or a fig. If you tell me that you desire a fig, I answer you that there must be time. Let it first blossom, then bear fruit, then ripen."

One may say with equal truth that no great speech is created suddenly. The ideas it contains almost invariably grow out of years of experience. And the actual preparation of the speech itself generally requires many hours of concentrated thought and hard work, if it is to be a significant contribution on any subject. The unpardonable sin in public speaking is the sin of inadequate preparation. However the experienced speaker understands how to organize and prepare an effective address. He uses a number of relatively simple tools of speech which greatly assist him, and which anyone may readily learn and use.

1 Cicero said there were five essentials in public speaking: (a) determining exactly what one should say; (b) arranging the material in the proper order and with good judgment; (c) clothing the speech in well-chosen words and carefully phrased sentences; (d) fixing the speech in mind; (e) delivering it with dignity and grace. It will be helpful to each of us always to keep in mind these five essential steps which embrace the whole subject of public speaking.

2 When we proceed to the actual preparation of the speech itself, we find there are three simple divisions in almost every speech: the introduction, the body or the discussion, and the conclusion or summary. The introduction should clearly state the subject to be discussed so that the audience may thoroughly understand it. The body of the speech or the discussion should be a carefully prepared, logically arranged statement of the ideas

The numbers which appear in consecutive order in the left-hand margin throughout the book refer to the index (see page 511). The use of the index will make it possible to refer instantly to related ideas and source material throughout the book.

which the speaker wishes to convey It is advisable to divide the main body of the speech into several parts, perhaps two, three or four Each of these parts should make a complete unit in itself so the audience will find it easier to keep the essential ideas of the speech clearly in mind. Finally, in the conclusion, the speaker usually should summarize in a few brief sentences the two, three or four ideas he presented in the main body of the speech. This plan of dividing a speech into an introduction, body, and conclusion is the most desirable form for most occasions, and for most speakers, and any deviation from it should come only after one has gained considerable experience in speaking

Having taken what may be called a panoramic view of a speech, we are ready to present in considerably more detail the exact steps necessary for its preparation Not all persons prepare speeches with the same thoroughness and exacting attention. Consequently not all persons give equally good speeches.

3 The steps here outlined as necessary in preparing a speech are designed to be comprehensive and of assistance both to the beginner and to the *more polished public speaker With experience, some of the steps may* perhaps be eliminated or modified, but finished public speaking is a high art, and it requires something more than slipshod and careless preparation.

4 Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, an able speaker has advised us that in his opinion "scrupulous and painstaking preparation is indispensable. When brilliance and force are extemporaneous in a public address, they are the exception that proves the rule." Every conscientious speaker is acutely and sensitively aware of the serious nature of his responsibilities. Therefore, many speakers will spend from a half hour to as much as one or two hours in preparation for each minute they expect to speak. A fifteen minute speech would mean a minimum of seven and one-half hours of preparation.

When one addresses an audience of one hundred people for thirty minutes, it is the equivalent of taking 3,000 minutes of one person's time. That means fifty hours, or more than six days of eight hours each. It would be little short of criminal deliberately to waste one person's time for six working days. Yet that is precisely what happens when a speaker without complete and thorough preparation takes the time of an audience of one hundred persons. If the audience is larger the waste of time is proportionately greater Should a person receive an invitation to address a meeting and know that he will not have time to make proper preparation for the occasion, he should decline the invitation. To accept it would be unfair to the audience and harmful to himself and the institution or business he represents.

An invitation to speak is a distinct honor. It may mean that a group of persons believe the speaker has exceptional knowledge in a field, or command of some phase of a subject, superior to that of many others who would like to receive his ideas. It may mean that others believe he has the ability to analyze and interpret a subject to the enlightenment of his audience. And in some instances it may mean that the speaker has the extraordinary ability to inspire others to greater achievement in life. No speaker who seriously contemplates these possibilities and the responsibilities they carry will ever appear before any audience poorly prepared. He will strive earnestly to fill each address with constructive ideas, logically arranged and eloquently presented. Too many speakers are unpardonably casual about the preparation of their speeches. To paraphrase Ben Jonson, any fool may talk, but only a wise man, thoroughly prepared, can give a great speech.

The outline which follows presents in a rather definitive form the steps almost every speaker will find it helpful to take in preparing a speech

5 STEPS IN PREPARING A SPEECH

I. Determine the exact subject of the speech so that the objective is distinct in the mind of the speaker. If the speaker himself has a hazy conception of the nature of his subject, if his mind is foggy or fuzzy and if he does not see clearly the outlines and limitations of his topic, how can he expect to leave his audience other than confused?

II. Think through the whole subject to be certain that he has formulated his own ideas and conclusions. In most cases, these ideas and conclusions will be predicated upon his own study observation and experience.

III. Read exhaustively all the speeches, pamphlets and books on the subject of his speech. It may be necessary to take some notes. This work is not as difficult as it may appear No wise person will ordinarily agree to speak in a field about which he knows nothing. Nor will an intelligent chairman of a program committee invite a speaker who is ignorant of his subject. Consequently in preparing his address, the speaker will already be intimately acquainted with much of the material available on the topic. But he must be certain that he has a comprehensive understanding of the entire subject and is familiar with the most recent studies in that field. A superficial or shallow understanding of the subject may lead to disaster before an intelligent audience.

IV. Outline the speech into its three principal divisions and any minor subdivisions as follows

No one can read the statements of these two eminent men without being impressed with the seriousness with which they assume the responsibility of speaking to an audience and the thoroughness with which they prepare their addresses.

8 WRITING THE INTRODUCTION

The two parts of an address most difficult to prepare are the introduction and the conclusion. Both must be relatively short. Both must be worked out with the greatest care. Senator Robert F Reynolds has informed us that he arranges his "speech for a point in the program following the addresses of others." Then "I can listen very carefully to what the speakers before me have to say." In that way the Senator obtains points from other addresses which he can turn over in his mind for development. "I have found," advises Senator Reynolds, "that this has always given me a good start, and that is a lot to take into consideration in addressing an audience, whether your speech is a prepared one or an extemporaneous one. If you can get the ears of your listeners at the outset, then there is not much difficulty in keeping their attention."

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A. Introduction.
B. Main body of the speech or discussion, perhaps divided into two, three, or four subdivisions.
C. The conclusion or summary

V Write out the speech after it has been fully outlined. Long experienced speakers may find it possible simply to outline an address and speak from the outline. But the person who is striving for perfection should in the beginning at least write out each speech in its entirety Otherwise there is almost certain to be looseness in the structure of the speech. A Virginia mother who was criticizing an inadequately prepared speech of her own son said, "Jim you may call that a speech, but I call it simply running off at the mouth." The failure of beginners particularly to write out a speech results in sloppiness of expression. Writing a speech tends to give preciseness and exactness in wording Most persons may find it easier to write a speech longhand and then have it typed.

6 Senator Robert A Taft has advised us that he prepares his addresses by the following method

I jot down a number of ideas. Then I arrange those ideas and work them out in greater detail, so that the notes may cover as much as two foolscap pages. Then I dictate the address. Then I correct the first draft and have it written. Sometimes there is a second correction

I should judge that it may take me eight hours to prepare a thirty-minute address, assuming that I do not have any extensive reading or research.

Of course sometimes it is not possible to prepare an address fully but it is much better to do so even if you intend to speak extemporaneously

7 Dr Harry Emerson Fosdick has given us the following instructive and interesting explanation of the procedure he uses in preparing his sermons

I always write out my sermons in full in advance. To the best of my recollection, after nearly forty years of preaching, I have never preached a sermon that was not written out fully I do not see how any one can keep his substance serious, and his style flexible and varied unless he writes in full At any rate, for myself there is no other method that is conceivable.

As for delivery that I handle in varied ways sometimes having the manuscript before me and reading freely and sometimes drawing an outline from it and speaking from the notes.

With regard to the time spent on an average sermon it is very difficult to reckon that. How can one reckon the long period during which a sermon matures, oftentimes unconsciously germinating from some seed of an idea planted long before? All that I can do is to deal with the actual writing process, and not at all with the hours spent on the theme that contributed the substantial material to the sermon and that there is no way of clocking. I would estimate that I spend a half hour in writing for each minute of the sermon.

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No story must be used simply to introduce humor. However a good humorous story well told and relevant, may provide an excellent introduction. If a speaker can tell a humorous story on himself, the audience enjoys it especially. Observe how frequently this device is used by actors entertaining over the radio. Over 2,000 humorous stories of all kinds and suitable for many occasions are presented in Chapter IV

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22 Dr. Allen A. Stockdale opening a series of public addresses to be given at Barrington, Illinois, on fourteen consecutive nights by outstanding leaders of American thought—

You people are going to meet together for a good many nights here in this Barrington Town-Warming, and in this glorious community

There was an old Methodist preacher one time, a remarkable old fellow possessing a wonderful dry wit. He was conducting a revival meeting, and one fellow who was converted regularly every winter came up to the altar again. There he was right on scheduled time. He was praying: "Oh, Lord, fill me full, fill me full." This dear old Methodist preacher said. "Lord, don't do it, he leaks.

Well, I hope you folks won't get into that trouble here with all of this glorious menu that is in store for you.

I feel the responsibility of opening this program. It looks like a pretty big task. There was a man one time who was very successful, living in New York, who went back to the little town where he was born to see if he could find anybody he knew when he was a boy

Finally he came upon an old town character Old Hezekiah. There he was, just the same as when this New Yorker was a boy He walked over to him and said: "Hello, Hezekiah, you still here?" Hezekiah said "Yep, I'm still around. He said: "What are you doing, Hezekiah?" "Oh, just about the same as usual. He said. "Now look here, Hezekiah, are you still going up to the little church?" "Yep, I still go up to the little church." "Tell me, do you still pump the organ up at the little church?" "Yep, I still pump the organ up at the little church, and say, by heck, last Sunday they had a new organist, and I pumped a piece he couldn't play"

I don't know if somebody is pumping a piece I can't play but here I am anyway ready to help you get started on this glorious something that we call a town-warming.

23 H. V Kaltenborn, radio news broadcaster, speaking on "Looking at Europe From Here —

Mr Chairman, when you were saying those nice things about me it really made me feel good because, you know the audience that listened to my speeches during the crisis did not have quite as good an opinion of what I did as you do. I kept getting telegrams almost from the first hour This is the way they came. Here is one addressed to Columbus. "If you take that self-

In those stirring times in Maryland was Luther Martin, in New York was John Jay and that brilliant statesman, Alexander Hamilton In Pennsylvania was wise old Ben Franklin and Albert Gallatin, and in Massachusetts were the Adamses, John and John Quincy, and their great radical cousin, Samuel Adams.

But it is in Virginia that we find the galaxy of American greatness in that period The tongue of the Revolution, Patrick Henry, was a Virginian. The pen of the Revolution, Thomas Jefferson, was a Virginian. The sword of the Revolution, George Washington, was a Virginian. The father of the Constitution, James Madison, was a Virginian. The author of the Monroe Doctrine, James Monroe, was a Virginian. The greatest of all the great Chief Justices of the United States, John Marshall, was a Virginian.

19 Dr Ruth Alexander in an address on "Religion as a Force in Government"—

The alarm clock of history is wound up in periods of world crises and proceeds to run down between times. Today's days are lived at the high tension of alarm. Catastrophe confronts us, and with superficial inquiry as to its cause, we seek to correct it. Many of us pronounce the cure to lie in a vague "Liberalism," without realizing that liberalism has strayed far from its adherence to Liberty Liberalism, as preached and practiced today is coincident with security—the polar opposite of Liberty It is, in fact, but an alibi for socialism and centralized power The bait of man as his brother's keeper attracts many of our noblest spirits, but the poisonous hook lies hidden in man's power over his brother Interference, even on another's behalf, is incompatible with freedom, and history has shown it to lead irrevocably to final relinquishment of democratic institutions.

I am here to challenge politico-economic maladjustment as the cause of world unrest. I am here to attribute it primarily to paralysis of religion as the supreme historic force in the government of human relations.

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Since the early days of the pioneers when, in six months, pestilence and starvation reduced the first Virginia colony from 500 people to 60 and the Plymouth colony buried half its membership, America has poured into its warfare on poverty starvation, disease and pestilence all those relentless energies which other nations too often express in warfare. In 1663 the first hospital was built in 1934, 6,334 hospitals were registered by the American Medical Association. In that span of 271 years, American medical science drew the fangs of small pox, typhoid fever yellow fever rickets, diphtheria, tuberculosis and countless other devastating diseases.

In this progress there is no inclination to rest on the oars. With thousands of trained scientists carrying the battle to the enemy at every point, it is evident to all that we are on the threshold of even greater developments.

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33 Dr. S. Bernard Wortis, Chief Neurologist of New York University Clinic, broadcasting an address on "The 'Stress Periods' of Life" over the Columbia Network in collaboration with the New York Academy of Medicine—

If every man and woman knew more about the periods in life when the stresses and strains were greater—and could learn to manage and adapt to these periods, we would have less nervous and mental illness in this country. The problem of caring for the mentally ill is yearly becoming a greater communal and national burden. Let me give you an idea of the magnitude of the problem.

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34 H. *Begin by a significant quotation or idea from some other person.*

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35 Newell Dwight Hillis speaking on "Character: Its Materials and External Teachers"—

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To stir men's blood; I only speak right on.

2 WRITING THE BODY OF THE SPEECH

The body is the substance of the speech. Fill it with facts and figures. They speak in a singularly convincing fashion. In addition, the facts and figures presented consecutively throughout the body of the address must march directly to the conclusion the speaker hopes to establish. The listener should never have to say, "What in the world did the remarks the speaker made on (this or that subject) have to do with his conclusion?"

The listener must receive something definite that he can carry away with him. What a pitiful spectacle a speaker makes when he becomes mired through an entire address in generalities and abstractions. Let us assume that the speaker has taken for his subject the hazards of operating a retail business. He says, "The retailer is engaged in a very hazardous business. His profits are small and his future is uncertain." Those are generalities. He might have said, "The retailer is engaged in a very hazardous business. The best studies available by the mercantile credit agencies indicate that the average retail store lives sixty-six months. In one middle western city, for example, there are 1,200 retail stores. Thirty of these stores go out of business every month—three hundred sixty stores

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41 A *Know the subject thoroughly*

Strange as it may seem, few men are masters of their fields. The author has made a number of studies in the field of selling With the assistance of college students of business administration, he has made tests of the knowledge which sales persons in various lines possess relative to the goods they sell. Certainly one would assume that a hat salesman, a shirt salesman, a hardware salesman, would have considerable knowledge of the field in which each of them sells. However, these tests in a number of lines reveal that out of ten sales persons, six or seven know practically nothing about the goods they sell, two or three know a little and one person is well informed. And yet these persons are supposed to make convincing sales speeches. Enthusiasm in selling and in speaking grows out of knowledge. A person who does not know his subject has nothing about which to enthuse. Unfortunately not a few speakers are compelled to play around in the suburbs of their subject because they are ignorant of it.

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and the extent of the spawning ground, how far the young fish are carried by the currents, and at what age a fish reaches maturity.

Take for example the mackerel. Studies of Atlantic coastal waters have revealed that the spawning grounds of the mackerel are in the area off New York Harbor between Cape May, New Jersey and Montauk, Long Island. The migration of these and other important species is only now beginning to be understood.

We can tag fish, much as identifying bands are attached to ducks and other migratory birds. A numbered disc of celluloid or a metal clip is fastened to the fish and it is then released; a small reward is offered for a record of its capture. We have tagged over 60,000 cod and many thousands of salmon, haddock, weakfish, scup, flounders and other species.

43 William Allen White, Editor of the *Emporia Gazette*, is probably the best informed person in the United States on the functions and operations of a country town newspaper. Note how vividly he analyzes the functions of the country town newspaper in this excerpt from an address broadcast over the Columbia Network.

The American country town paper rests entirely upon the theory of the dignity of the human spirit. It is democracy embodied. It emphasizes the individual. For instance, here is an item: "John Jones is in town today with the first load of hay from the third cutting of alfalfa." That item is the alpha and omega of small town journalism. It dignifies John Jones. It dignifies labor. It dignifies small business. And now Mrs. Jones has the first forsythia out in her Emporia garden—that's a news item. We're glorifying Mrs. Jones. We're glorifying the human spirit, making the Joneses proud to be Joneses, to cut themselves hay to have a beautiful individual garden. Upon that glorification rests the American country newspaper and, incidentally the American democracy.

44 A businessman describing a pair of pliers—

These pliers are hand-forged and hand-finished. They are made of high-carbon steel. If I could break one of these handles, I could show you a grain of steel as fine as the grain of a file. Ordinary pliers work loose at the pivot. The pivot wears, and after it's worn it jams. That's because the holes are punched. The holes in these pliers aren't punched, they're drilled. Take a good firm grip on the handles. Notice how they fit your hand—how they stick! See those little button-like things on the handles, with the little holes in the center? That is the vacuum-grip idea. When you're working around your car with these pliers and the handles become greasy they won't slip. Notice the finish. Ordinary pliers rust. The nickel plating chips off. The nickel on these pliers will stick, and that's because they are made perfectly smooth and clean, and then plated. These pliers will last a lifetime. They're guaranteed.

Comparatively, what chance has an ordinary salesman who does not know the product against this businessman who does? Simply no chance!

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49 Dr. Haven Emerson speaking on "Let's Reshuffle our Doctors" talks with facts and figures.

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It is worth repeating again and again that illustrative matter filled with illuminating facts and figures is the most persuasive and interesting material for the body of speeches. Figures frequently have an eloquence that cannot be captured in phrases.

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46 Arthur M. Hyde, former Governor of Missouri and Secretary of Agriculture under President Hoover gives a splendid illustration of what opportunity under liberty means.

In a clearing of the forests of Kentucky stands a crude log cabin. It is bare within and forbidding without. It speaks of the deepest poverty. Stretched upon the bare earth floor in the cabin lies a ragged untaught boy poring, by the flickering light of the fireplace, over a borrowed book. He lifts his eyes to gaze upon the burdened form of his pioneer mother and I hear him say

"Life is hard. The future seems hopeless

"My fathers fought in the American Revolution. They helped adopt the Constitution of America. They gave allegiance to a government, not by men but by laws which should be of equal application to all

"Clad in the skins of animals, they penetrated the wilderness. With rifle nearby they hewed logs for their cabins, cleared lands for their fields, and built homes for their children. Their eyes held a constant vision in which all men should be free to work out their own destiny to plan their own lives in their own way to possess the fruits of their own toil and to stand or fall by their own efforts.

"Poor and humble though I am, I have a chance. In my country no doors are barred to me because I am poor. I can work. Be the reward much or little, it will be mine. I can learn the knowledge will give me power. Thank God, I have a chance.

And the ragged boy rose to become the railsplitter the country store keeper the small town lawyer, the advocate of a great cause the exemplar of individual liberty under the law the great American President the emancipator of a race, the defender and preserver of the American Union

This is the triumph, in the life of one man of a human soul given equal opportunity under liberty

This illustration in Mr Hyde's address gave warmth to the abstract subject of liberty It made the idea live

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Go seat you at the loom.
Create the goodness that is heaven's proof.
Work with God if ye would see His face."

68 Dr Edgar De Witt Jones talking on great Americans of the past—Washington, Jefferson, Webster Clay Lincoln Cleveland and Bryan—

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"They are gone who seem'd so great.—
Gone but nothing can bereave them
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72 Carle C. Conway, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Continental Can Company, speaking on "Business Must Go Ahead" before the Real Estate Board and the Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City, pointed out the great achievements of American businessmen, and closed with the following challenge as the climax of the address:

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71 Franklin D Roosevelt, speaking on International Affairs at Chautauqua, New York—

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72 Carle C. Conway Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Continental Can Company speaking on "Business Must Go Ahead" before the Real Estate Board and the Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City pointed out the great achievements of American businessmen, and closed with the following challenge at the climax of the address

> It is time we lifted up our heads! It is time we appreciated our strength and serviceability and power. But our job is only beginning, and a thrilling job it is. We have the opportunity the responsibility yes, the sacred duty of proving for all time that under the American system of free enterprise, American businessmen, doing things the American way can accomplish more than any other system on earth.

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75 Leon Henderson speaking to the American Association of Advertising Agencies and the Association of National Advertisers in November, 1941 discussed some of the problems advertising organizations face in a period of national emergency but closed with a compliment and with a note of encouragement.

So far as advertising is concerned, I repeat that it must survive as a thriving dynamic force. Not only does it deserve to continue because of its contributions to our way of life but it has a job to do now And I can visualize an even greater use of the technique when peace comes and a vast surplus of men, materials and productive capacity calls for the vision and leadership to translate these resources from production for war to production for peace. When that time comes it is my judgment that if we are intelligent and resourceful new and vast horizons will open for us all. Our job now is to hasten that day

76 E. *Describe a dramatic scene a great moment in history science or business or give a brief biographical story*

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77 Dr Allen A. Stockdale in an address on "Making Spiritual Power" pointed out some of the great forces, including the spiritual, which made America. Then he concluded with the following fascinating story

No place under the shining sun would one rather live than in the United States of America today

Here it is, and it is yours. I say it is worth fighting for It is worth living for It is worth doing the things that are truly great.

When Bishop Hughes was president of DePauw University there came into DePauw one of the awkwardest looking greenhorns that ever came to college. He had about three acres of hands and legs that he did not know what to do with. He had continued to grow until he was six feet three but his shiny pea-green Sunday-best suit had not grown as he did, and he had grown right out of it.

This awkward lad came to college. He had a good father and a good mother that wanted him to succeed but they could not give him money They lived on a slanting farm somewhere in the west. One evening they were sitting at the

table and the boy said to the father: "I fell off the farm three times today." That was the kind of a farm it was. How could they get ahead on a farm like that? They could not, but this fellow was going to have an education.

So he came to DePauw University and he soon ... and what a hot iron and a damp cloth could do to his breeches, and he got a crease in his trousers. Nowadays all he would have to do would be to throw away his garters and let his socks fall, and he would be a typical college boy.

But he got a crease in his trousers, and it was not long before the girls discovered him. He soon had enough dates to pass them around to the other boys. Then they discovered that he had what it takes on the gridiron, and in the classroom. And this awkward greenhorn became a cultured college gentleman.

He was chosen as the honored speaker on Commencement Day. Early Monday morning of Commencement Week, when the train stopped at the depot, two of the funniest folks you ever saw got off. The old man had an accordion suitcase. He would just put everything in it and never would get the blooming thing full. And the dear old lady had on an old-fashioned dress. But this boy did not care. They were his father and his mother.

He packed the little lady up in his arms and he kissed both her cheeks, and he took them up and introduced them to Bishop Hughes, and to all of his fraternity brothers and girl friends. That was his father and his mother. They had been the creators of his very life. They had given him his heart and soul and spirit and inspiration, and he was not ashamed of them, no matter how they looked or the way they were dressed.

And then came that great address on graduation day, and he held that audience spell-bound, and in the silence that fell over them when he was through, as the people were sort of taking a new breath, a man sitting behind the strange old couple saw this boy's father lean over to the dear old lady and then heard him say: "Well, mother, I guess that is about the best crop we ever raised."

That is your America, and whenever this country becomes so contacted with subversive and destructive doctrines of a misguided chaotic world that it cannot see the center, the heart and soul, of this spiritual source of power, when we fail to make personalities that can be trusted, we fail to make an America.

78 Bob Trout, CBS news commentator broadcasting a speech on "Cardinal of Charity" at the time of the death of Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York—

In the dim soft light, George Cardinal Mundelein stood high above the body of the 71-year-old Cardinal and sang the solemn Mass. With holy water and incense, the final blessing was given, while outside in the sunshine, listening through loudspeakers, men knelt in the streets and women wept and forgot to dry their tears.

Sabers flashed, and white gloves snapped to salute when a bugle sounded taps, and the flags were dipped one last time. And the words of the prayer were all around, louder than the muffled drums, louder than the tolling bells:

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85 The effort that eloquent speakers make to obtain style and effectiveness of expression is well illustrated by the comment of Phyllis Moir writing of Winston Churchill in *I Was Winston Churchill's Private Secretary*

> I can see him now pacing slowly up and down the room, his hands clasped behind his back, his shoulders hunched, his head sunk forward in deep thought, slowly and haltingly dictating the beginning of a speech or an article. I wait, my pencil poised in midair as he whispers phrases to himself, carefully weighing each word and striving to make his thoughts balance. Nothing may be put down until it has been tested aloud and found satisfactory A happy choice brings a glint of triumph to his eye a poor one is instantly discarded. He will continue the search until every detail—of sound, rhythm and harmony—is to his liking Sometimes there are long halts, during which he patiently sounds out a phrase a dozen times, this way and that, making the cigar in his hand serve as a baton to punctuate the rhythm of his words.[1]

From this statement it is evident that Winston Churchill's eloquence does not just happen It isn't accidental. It is the most carefully studied effort of a great mind that has struggled word by word and phrase by phrase for the brilliant expression of ideas that will move nations.

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88 Sometimes another tool—an epigram or witty *comment*—is more effective than a humorous story. Subtly introduced, the epigram may serve fully as well as a comparatively long humorous story. Moreover, it conserves time. A speaker before the Grand Rapids Association of Credit Men discussed at length America's progress and the inventive genius of her industrial scientists. He said, "These scientists are remarkably resourceful." Then, almost before the audience was aware of it, he added, "They couldn't *open our day-coach train windows, so they air-conditioned* our trains." The change from a serious statement to a witty comment was so rapid it surprised the listeners, and as they caught the full significance of the *humor* they laughed heartily. It takes but *a moment to give* a witty comment, and the speaker goes on *immediately*. The humor provides "the pause that refreshes" for the audience.

89 Dr Will Durant, the distinguished philosopher, was giving an address before the Rotary Club of Chicago in which he was discussing for a few minutes the philosophy of Friedrich Nietzsche. Remember that Dr Durant has for many years been a university professor. Commenting on Nietzsche, Dr Durant said—

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103 There was another lad who clerked in a grocery store sixteen hours a day and studied mathematics in his odd moments He became interested in the doings of the steel plant whose employees traded at this store. He began to study steel *and sought a position in the plant. He carried a surveyor's chain* and drove stakes. At night he studied mathematics and engineering *He did* not despair He could not be diverted. He kept the pressure on for seven years. And that boy Charles Schwab, mastered the iron industry and became one of the great industrial leaders in this country

104 There was a young man named Cyrus McCormick who worked and waited eight harvest times for a chance to sell a queer new contraption.

Finally he sold a reaper—and the revolution of the agricultural industry began.

105 There was a lad who sold papers on a train When he grew up, several million men and a score of billions of dollars of capital were given profitable employment *through his inventions. Even in middle life,* Thomas Edison continued to work twenty hours a day if necessary to accomplish his purpose

106 Leadership is not play Leadership in the banking of the future, as I have tried to visualize it, offers countless positions of varying opportunity *of* which the highest pinnacles will carry almost unbearable responsibility in the *new era that may* be just over the next hill. There will be men with the fire and iron to qualify even for these places. Such men must have had the very finest preparation and the most grueling tests which the banking profession *knows. Their reward* will be the attainment of these highest pinnacles of achievement, and the rendering of an unmeasurable service to their times.

107 III *Repeat some words or phrases to stamp them indelibly upon the minds of the listeners*

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108 A classic example of reiteration is found in one of the greatest addresses of all time, the "Sermon on the Mount." In that address, as it is recorded in St. Matthew Chapter 7 and verses 24 to 27 the Master says, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, and it fell not. for it was founded upon a rock. And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house: and it fell and great was the fall of it."

109 Again in St. Matthew Chapter 5 and verses 29 and 30, we find the Master saying, And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell."

110 Dr Glenn Frank speaking on "The Statesmanship of Business and the Business of Statesmanship" uses repetition at the beginning only of three sentences to re-emphasize the fact that the nation has changed.

> So I suggest that sooner or later as a nation, we shall have to face the political implications of the following obvious facts:
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> We are no longer a small nation; we are a large nation.
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> We are no longer a simple civilization, we are an increasingly complex and technical civilization.
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> We are no longer an agricultural nation alone; we are an industrial nation as well.

111 In an address before a conference at the University of Illinois, one of the speakers said, "Everywhere in the world today there is an uneasy sense that we are in the midst of profound changes in our social, political and economic life. The flow of events seems to be forcing men and nations relentlessly to a choice between [illegible], different and strongly competing philosophies of national life. Then in the paragraph immediately following, for emphasis, he repeated the same idea in slightly different words. He wished clearly to portray a world in chaos. "Everywhere," he continued, "men are struggling with new social forces, for the world is economically and politically disordered. It threatens to ride to its
in a powder cart, as nations engage in 'the co-operative suicide of

There are some men who believe that the world's economic machine is rapidly running down, that its soundest business and financial traditions are being repudiated in various parts of the world, and that unless there be a release again of the great fountains of private and free enterprise, the progress of decades may be lost."

112 One of the best known and most striking illustrations of repetition is to be found in the following quotation from an address by Robert Ingersoll

A little while ago, I stood by the grave of the old Napoleon—a magnificent tomb of gilt and gold, almost fit for a dead deity—and gazed upon the sarcophagus of black Egyptian marble, where rest the ashes of that restless man. I leaned over the balustrade and thought about the career of the greatest soldier of the modern world.

I saw him walking upon the banks of the Seine contemplating suicide. I saw him at Toulon I saw him putting down the mob in the streets of Paris I saw him at the head of the army in Italy· I saw him crossing the bridge of Lodi with the tricolor in his hand I saw him in Egypt in the shadow of the Pyramids· I saw him conquer the Alps and mingle the eagles of France with the eagles of the crags I saw him at Marengo, at Ulm, and Austerlitz· I saw him in Russia where the infantry of the snow and the cavalry of the wild blast scattered his legions like winter's withered leaves I saw him at Leipzig in defeat and disaster—driven by a million bayonets back upon Paris—clutched like a wild beast—banished to Elba; I saw him escape and retake an empire by the force of his genius. I saw him upon the frightful field of Waterloo, where Chance and Fortune combined to wreck the fortunes of their former

the nurse of manly sentiment and heroic enterprise, is gone. It is gone, that sensibility of principle, that chastity of honour which felt a stain like a wound, which inspired courage which ennobled whatever it touched."

A simple but slightly different use of repetition in which a question is first asked, and is then followed by variations in the question, is illustrated in the following quotation from an address on the subject of a liberal education by Thomas Henry Huxley "Let us ask ourselves, what is education? Above all things, what is our ideal of a thoroughly liberal education?—of that education which, if we could begin life again, we would give ourselves—of that education which, if we could mould the fates to our own will, we would give our children."

In a speech on "The Romance of Life," Dr Preston Bradley well-known Chicago minister lecturer and author, said, "First, there must be within our democracy a revival, a renaissance, a new birth—call it what you will—there must be a new realization of the value of human personality We must have a new birth of value as to human personality" Note in this quotation also the mastery of the art of repetition.

113 IV *Intersperse short sentences with long ones.*

In baseball, this might be called changing the pace. It makes it easier for the listener to understand the speech, because he does not have continually to follow tedious, long sentences. It relieves the monotony that would accompany the repeated use of nothing but long sentences or the recurrent use of the staccato-like short sentence.

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114 The late Dr. Glenn Frank giving a baccalaureate address at The University of Wisconsin—

I am not so old as to have lost my memory of what must be surging through the minds of you who are about to step from the sheltered life of the student into active participation in the life of your time. And unless I have forgotten the emotions that swept my mind, some twenty-five years ago, when I completed my university training and stood poised, as you are poised, for a plunge into the outer world, I know that all sorts of anxieties haunt your minds, anxieties about the first and further steps in your careers. And these normal anxieties that you would feel even if all skies were cloudless, have, I know been trebled by the political and economic distraction through which your nation has been passing as you have pursued your training.

What shall you do with these anxieties?

I want to be honest with you. I do not want to minimize one whit the uncertainties that infest the economic affairs of your time. I do not want to raise in your minds a single hope that will be doomed to die unfulfilled. But I do want to stir in you, if I can, every hope that can be fulfilled.

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I thought of the orphans and widows he had made, of the tears that had been shed for his glory and of the only woman he ever loved, pushed from his heart by the cold hand of ambition and I said I would rather have been a French peasant and worn wooden shoes I would rather have lived in a hut with a vine growing over the door and the grapes growing purple in the rays of the autumn sun I would rather have been that poor peasant with my loving wife by my side, knitting as the day died out of the sky with my children about my knee and their arms about me, I would rather have been that man and gone down to the tongueless silence of the dreamless dust than have been that imperial personification of force and murder

Note also in the following short passage from Edmund Burke's address, "The Age of Chivalry Is Gone," *how repetition aids the emphasis* "But the age of chivalry is gone. That of sophisters, economists, and calculators, has succeeded and the glory of Europe is extinguished forever Never, never more, shall we behold that *generous loyalty to rank and sex*, that proud submission, that dignified obedience, that subordination of the heart, which kept alive, even in servitude itself the spirit of an exalted freedom. The unbought grace *of life, the cheap defence of nations*,

Some of you may say this will to win is a bad thing. In what way is it a bad thing? Education is supposed to prepare a young man for life. Life is competition. Success in life goes only to the man who competes successfully. A successful lawyer is the man who goes out and wins—wins law cases. A successful physician is a man who goes out and wins—saves lives and restores men to health. A successful sales manager is a man who goes out and wins—sells the goods. The successful executive is the man who can make money and stay out of the bankruptcy court. There is no reward for the loser. There is nothing wrong with the will to win. The only penalty should be that the man who wins unfairly should be set down.

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119 VII. *Avoid boresome repetition by the use of appropriate synonyms.*

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115 Dr Will Durant speaking on "What Are the Lessons of History?"

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Why does industrial management stand uncertain?

Is it because management does not want to make the materials of defense? No. Even before this country was designated the "arsenal of democracy" American industry was conscious of—and was meeting—its responsibility for fulfilling the defense program. Never has it questioned its function. Industry will produce according to the specifications of whatever defense program the nation may adopt.

Is management uncertain because of dissatisfaction with defense profits?

No. It expects no considerable profits. It supported the adoption of excess profits taxes as an emergency policy.

What symptoms then does industry see now to put it on the anxious seat?

Industry sees one control after another being established over our industrial system in the name of defense, with no assurance whatsoever that these controls will be only temporary.

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123 X. *Place ideas in contrast to each other*

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onyms—feeble, infirm, faint, sickly, exhausted, groggy, spent, wasted, powerless, helpless, impotent, spineless, frail, fragile, flimsy enervated, languishing and debilitated. Examine a speech carefully, sentence by sentence, to see whether suitable synonyms may be chosen for words which have been used so often they have become monotonous.

120 VIII *Use appropriate antonyms to create contrasts*

An antonym is a word whose meaning is opposite that of another word. The choice of good antonyms is necessary to create strong contrasts. A possible choice, for example, of antonyms for *weak* or *weakness* might be strength, power, potency energy vigor, force, stamina, virility vitality and puissance. Examine a speech critically to see whether words that are used to bring out contrasts do so with the greatest effectiveness, if not, replace them with words which do.

121 IX. *Use questions*

A question often serves to challenge the attention of an audience and to give emphasis to a point. In Chapter I we called attention to the possibility of using questions in the introduction. However, questions are equally valuable in the body of the address.

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122 John Sergeant speaking on "Militarism and Progress," said, "I would ask What did Cromwell, with all his military genius, do for England? He overthrew the monarchy and he established dictatorial power in his own person. And what happened next? Another soldier overthrew the dictatorship, and restored the monarchy The sword effected both. Cromwell made one revolution, and Monk another And what did the people of England gain by it? Nothing Absolutely nothing"

Chief Justice Marshall speaking on the "Federal Constitution"—

What are the favorite maxims of democracy? A strict observance of justice and public faith and a steady adherence to virtue. These, sir are the principles of a good government. No mischief, no misfortune, ought to deter us from a strict observance of justice and public faith Would to heaven that these principles had been observed under the present government! Had this been the case the friends of liberty would not be so willing now to part with it. Can we boast that our government is founded on these maxims? Can we pretend to the enjoyment of political freedom or security when we are told that a man has been, by an act of Assembly struck out of existence without a trial by jury without examination, without being confronted with his accusers and witnesses, without the benefits of the law of the land? Where is our safety when we are told that this act was justifiable because the person was not a Socrates? What has become of the worthy member's maxims? Is this one of them? Shall it be a maxim that a man shall be deprived of his life without the benefit of law? Shall such a deprivation of life be justified by answering that a man's

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6 XII. *Use suitable Biblical quotations.*

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127 Dr. Glenn Frank delivering a Baccalaureate Address on the subject, "If the Young Can But See—"

The dullard must wait for events to overtake him. He lacks the sensitive imagination and disciplined powers of analysis to enable him to anticipate and to discount events. He never knows that a policy is bad until it has worked havoc in his life or in the life of his time. He never knows that a policy is good until it has dropped the ripe fruits of its goodness in his lap. Thus he must go through life victimized by the tragic results of bad policies that wiser men would have forestalled and robbed of the benefits of good policies that more farseeing men would have brought into being. With all this, he may be technically a learned man, but, lacking insight and understanding, his learning becomes so much waste lumber.

Down the ages the capacity to anticipate and to discount bad ideas and the capacity to sense in advance and to appropriate good ideas, without waiting for events to indicate their badness or their goodness, has been considered the supreme achievement of man as a thinking animal.

When the Lord of Ancient Israel was searching for the most withering rebuke and the most devastating penalty he could lay upon a recreant people, he asked that they be robbed of the capacity to see and to understand.

"Make the heart of his people fat," he cried, "and make their ears heavy

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Demosthenes often used contrasts in his addresses, as illustrated in his speech "On the Crown."

Contrast *now* the circumstances of your life and mine gently and with temper Aeschines and then ask these people whose fortune they would each of them prefer You taught reading, I went to school you performed initiations, I received them you danced in the chorus, I furnished it. you were assembly clerk, I was a speaker you acted third parts, I heard you you broke down, and I hissed you have worked as a statesman for the enemy I for my country I pass by the rest but this very day I am on my probation for a crown and am *acknowledged to be innocent of all offense* while you are already judged to be a pettifogger and the question is, whether you shall continue that trade, or at once be silenced by not getting a fifth part of the votes. A happy fortune, do you see, you have enjoyed, that you should denounce mine as miserable!

John Haynes Holmes speaking on "Are We in the Hands of Fate?"—

Such is the fatalism into which we have been betrayed. Before 1914, an *optimistic fatalism which assured us that we were floating on a quiet stream* into a haven of perfect bliss! After that dreadful date, a pessimistic fatalism which assured us that we were caught in a maelstrom of disaster from which there is no escape!

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124 XI. *Use colorful phrases and figures of speech*

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One of the reasons Hugh S. Johnson's language is picturesque is that he frequently uses figures of expression such as those in Chapter IX. Comprehensive reading will be helpful in adding many figures of speech to your vocabulary. The one hundred and seventy-three chosen for Chapter IX will make an excellent start.

106 XII. *Use suitable Biblical quotations.*

Biblical quotations may be used not only in the introduction and in the conclusion of many speeches, but they may also be used vividly to express ideas in the body of speeches. It is not possible to use a Biblical quotation in every speech, but where it can be done to emphasize a point, it makes a distinctly worth-while addition. The Bible is the richest source book of quotations in the world. The Presidents of the United States have often quoted from the Old and New Testaments to convey their messages to the people. A frequent study of the almost three hundred Biblical quotations in Chapter X will bring gratifying returns in the ability to express your ideas well.

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107 Dr. Glenn Frank delivering a Baccalaureate Address on the subject, "If the Young Can But See —

The dullard must wait for events to overtake him. He lacks the sensitive imagination and disciplined powers of analysis to enable him to anticipate and to discount events. He never knows that a policy is bad until it has worked havoc in his life or in the life of his time. He never knows that a policy is good until it has dropped the ripe fruits of its goodness in his lap. Thus he must go through life victimized by the tragic results of bad policies that wiser men would have forestalled and robbed of the benefits of good policies that more foreseeing men would have brought into being. With all this, he may be technically a learned man, but, lacking insight and understanding, his learning becomes so much waste lumber.

Down the ages the capacity to anticipate and to discount bad ideas and the capacity to sense in advance and to appropriate good ideas, without waiting for events to indicate their badness or their goodness, has been considered the supreme achievement of man as a thinking animal.

When the Lord of Ancient Israel was searching for the most withering rebuke and the most devastating penalty he could lay upon a recreant people, he asked that they be robbed of the capacity to see and to understand.

"Make the heart of his people fat," he cried, "and make their ears heavy

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Demosthenes often used contrasts in his addresses, as illustrated in his speech "On the Crown."

> Contrast now the circumstances of your life and mine, gently and with temper Aeschines, and then ask these people whose fortune they would each of them prefer You taught reading, I went to school you performed initiations, I received them you danced in the chorus, I furnished it. you were assembly clerk, I was a speaker you acted third parts, I heard you you broke down, and I hissed you have worked as a statesman for the enemy I for my country I pass by the rest, but this very day I am on my probation for a crown, and am acknowledged to be innocent of all offense while you are already judged to be a pettifogger and the question is, whether you shall continue that trade, or at once be silenced by not getting a fifth part of the votes. A happy fortune, do you see, you have enjoyed, that you should denounce mine as miserable!

John Haynes Holmes speaking on "Are We in the Hands of Fate?"—

> Such is the fatalism into which we have been betrayed. Before 1914 an optimistic fatalism which assured us that we were floating on a quiet stream into a haven of perfect bliss! After that dreadful date, a pessimistic fatalism which assured us that we were caught in a maelstrom of disaster from which there is no escape!

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and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and be healed."

And from Isaiah to Bernard Shaw this belief that insight and understanding are the godlike gifts has held.

128 President Daniel L. Marsh of Boston University addressing the National Council of Education—

> I do not know of any finer expression of values, any better cataloguing of ideas to which our emotions might properly be attached, or any more adequate ideal as a stimulus to the will, than St. Paul gives in his letter to the Philippians: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely whatsoever things are of good report: if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."
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> That ideal is the touchstone of freedom Examine your life and see if what I say is not true. "The unexamined life is not worthy of being lived by one who calls himself a man" said Socrates. "*Think* on these things," said Paul; take an inventory of these things, keep your mind upon them, set a value upon them for thought precedes accomplishment. We grow like the things we think about. The good *is* positive, not negative.

129 XIII *Use appropriate quotations from literature*

Other than the Bible, perhaps the most frequently quoted sources are the writings of Shakespeare. Among the more than 1,200 quotations in Chapter XI there are over 150 from Shakespeare. The 1,200 quotations have been carefully selected from the world's great literature, from addresses and from other sources. In almost every speech you will be able to use one or more quotations. Choose them carefully and they are certain to give style to your address.

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130 An educator addressing a Wisconsin High School Commencement class on the great significance of decision in life said

> On the importance of decision we may say with James Russell Lowell
> "Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,
> In the strife of Truth with Falsehood, for the good or evil side."

131 John Haynes Holmes speaking at Lehigh University on "Are We in the Hands of Fate?"—

> There is no such thing as security any more. There is as little permanency in values as stability in institutions For years the preachers of religion have proclaimed "the deceitfulness of riches," and the emptiness of all merely material possessions. Well here they are—the prophecies come true! Now we know that the things of the spirit alone endure. In our time, as in times before, there has come the moment described by Prospero, in Shakespeare's play *The Tempest* when

"... all which (we) inherit shall dissolve,
And, like this insubstantial pageant faded,
Leave not a rack behind."

132 Francis Biddle, Attorney General of the United States, speaking before the California State Bar Association—

For myself, I hold firmly to that faith in free institutions which is implicit in the theme of this convention. I am confident that the same vitality of free government which has brought our nation through one hundred fifty years to its present stature will enable it in the future as in the past to "meet with Triumph and Disaster and treat those two impostors just the same."

133 XIV *Use words phrases clauses and sentences in groups of two or three occasionally*

The use of words, phrases and sentences in groups of two or three gives rhythm and force to a speech. No attempt should be made to arrange these groups in every sentence or paragraph as it would lead to monotony But most of us will not be guilty of the excessive use of this tool of speech.

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134 In just three famous words, "Veni, vidi, vici," or "I came, I saw I conquered, Julius Caesar described his triumph over King Pharnaces of the Bosporus in 47 B.C. Those words, "having all the same cadence," said Plutarch, carry with them a very suitable air of brevity" which brevity conforms to the swiftness and completeness of Caesar's victory Cadence runs thought a close second in evoking the applause of an audience.

"Give me liberty or give me death was the expression of a great conviction. But it was even more. It was the brilliant expression of that conviction. Consider the sentence carefully Two ideas are balanced on each side of the word "or" The ideas of liberty or death also are in contrast. Both clauses begin with the same words "give me," so that there is alliteration.

135 The eulogy delivered by General (Light Horse Harry) Henry Lee upon the death of George Washington contains a famous phrase illustrating the grouping of three phrases. Lee said upon that historic occasion, "To the memory of the man, first in war first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen.

Franklin D Roosevelt concluded a radio address on September 11 1941, with this climactic sentence

And with that inner strength that comes to a free people conscious of their duty conscious of the righteousness of what they do, they will—with divine

help and guidance—stand their ground against this latest assault upon their democracy their sovereignty and their freedom.

Observe the rhythm and the power in the last eight words.

Walter D Fuller President of the Curtis Publishing Company, speaking before the Cleveland Advertising Club

> We must not lose sight of the fact that we can save democracy only with the tools of production and selling—we can save free enterprise only by utilizing free enterprise, we can save advertising and selling only by using more advertising and selling

A banker speaking before the Nebraska Bankers Association said "It would be gratifying if it were possible to suggest here a program of the banker's responsibility so comprehensive in its plan, so complete in its parts, and so convincing in its presentation that it would challenge the thinking of this intelligent audience." This sentence not only illustrates the grouping of three phrases, but also the use of alliteration which follows in Point XV

136 XV *Alliteration*

Webster's *Collegiate Dictionary*, Fifth Edition, defines alliteration as the "repetition of the same sound at the beginning of two or more consecutive words or of words near one another specifically, recurrence of the same consonant sound or of vowel sounds initially in accented syllables of verse, as in 'In a somer seson when soft was the sonne. (*Piers Plowman*)"

Alliteration gives a speech sparkle because it adds harmony swing and rhythm. It would become distinctly tiresome if used in every sentence, but employed occasionally in a speech it thrills an audience. The speaker who may hope that at least parts of his speeches will be quoted, or will live, will find (1) the arrangement of words, phrases, clauses, and sentences in groups of two or three, and (2) the use of alliteration to be two of the most effective speech tools to assist him.

137 Winston Churchill knows that alliteration fascinates an audience and makes speeches moving and forceful. He said, "We cannot *fail or falter*" He commented of a certain person that he was "a man of *light* and *learning*" in a great emergency he declared, "Let us to the task, to the battle and the toil."

Claude G Bowers, distinguished American diplomat, talking to the Phi Beta Kappa chapter at Yale said, "The American Democracy is mobilized today to wage a war of extermination against privilege and pillage. We prime our guns against bureaucracy and plutocracy" "Privi-

lege and pillage," "bureaucracy and plutocracy" are ringing phrases because of the alliteration.

138 The late Dr. Glenn Frank was one of the greatest masters of alliteration America has ever known, as indicated by the following examples chosen at random from his speeches and writings:

"They say that when the acid test was applied, the prophet turned politician, and the realist was lost in the rhetorician."

"We are convicted of plain bankruptcy of political intelligence."

"It is better that we frankly take our latitude and longitude in relation to our war-time ideals than that we attempt the perilous practice of self delusion."

"The mind and the mood of the masses is the soil of the policy."

"We place our foreign affairs in the hands of men who bring to the politics of a planet the vision of a parish."

"The most perilous disease in the world is not leprosy but lopsidedness."

"Facts are not concerned with flattery."

"He became the partisan and pamphleteer of Christianity."

"It is not the analyses of the classroom, but the actualities of the marketplace.

A nation's army is only the clenched fist of its factories and farms."

Alliteration enables one to give to a speech what Lynn Harold Hough called "the gracious loveliness of finely wrought phrases."

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II Use illustrations from biography from plays, or from literature.
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II. Don't worry about nervousness as you start speaking It's a good sign. Almost every able speaker is nervous at the outset. It indicates he is "on edge" and ready The time to worry is when you are not "keyed up" with nervous energy If you have thoroughly prepared, you are the master of the situation.

III. *Give your speech in one of the following ways*

1 Read it if you must, but read it so well it sounds as if you were speaking without a manuscript.
2. Have your manuscript before you, but refer to it only occasionally This requires reading the manuscript over and over until you are thoroughly familiar with it.
3. Write out the address or outline it in detail. Then go over it repeatedly until you are entirely familiar with it. Speak only from notes.
4. Write out the speech or outline it in detail. Then go over it repeatedly until you are completely familiar with it. Speak without notes.
5. Write out the speech and memorize it. Be sure you speak naturally

Follow whichever method is best for you. Try gradually to eliminate reading as much as you can. Whatever you do read, must be read well, or you will lose your audience at once. All important state addresses necessarily must be read to avoid even the slightest misstatement.

IV Should you gesture? You may, but your gestures must come naturally. You never learn gestures solely from a book of rules. The following simple suggestions may help you:

1. Merely permit your hands to fall loosely to your sides. You may place your hands behind your back and even occasionally in your pockets if you wish.
2. If you must twiddle your fingers, do it behind your back.
3. Stand in one place, and do not pace up and down the platform like a caged lion. These nervous movements distract an audience.
4. Do not point your forefinger at the audience as if you were scolding the neighbor's children.
5. Generally avoid repeated wide swings of the arms, numerous lightning-like movements of the forearms, and constant pounding on the table. Any frequently repeated gesture is tiresome.
6. It is better to err on the side of too few gestures than too many.
7. Above all, be natural.

V Keep your speech within the limits of the time allotted to you.

143 WHAT PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUIRES

I. Sincere convictions earnestly expressed. You cannot convince others of what you do not believe.

II. Unquestioned knowledge of your subject. You cannot explain to others what you do not understand.

III. Painstaking preparation of every speech. You are deeply indebted to the audience for the privilege they have given you. A good speech is the best expression of your gratitude.

IV Practice at home, but never before an audience.

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147 START OVER

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Waiter: "Try another bite."
Customer (taking huge mouthful): "Nope, none yet."
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148 WHAT?

Teacher: "Now, Robert, what are you doing—learning something?"
Robert: "No, sir. I'm listening to you."

149 IT SHRINKS IN THE HEAT

"Is a ton of coal very much, papa?"
"That depends, my son, on whether you are shoveling or buying it."

150 THIS IS DISCIPLINE

Mrs. Shopalot: "Can you alter this dress to fit me?"
Salesman: "Certainly not. That isn't done any more. You will have to be altered to fit the dress."

151 A WEE BIT TOO PIOUS

A Scottish lady invited a gentleman to dinner on a particular day and he accepted with the reservation, "If I am spared."
"Weel, weel," replied she, "if ye're dead I'll no expect ye."

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Angry Man: "Why did you tax me $3.00 for my goat?"

Tax Adjuster: "Well, keep him out of the street. The law says, 'For private possessions bounding and a-butting on public property $2.00 a running foot.'"

161 Visiting Card

Sandy joined a golf club and was told by the professional that if his name was on his golf balls and they were lost, they would be returned to him when found.

"Good," said the Scot. "Put my name on this ball."

The pro did so.

"Would you also put M.D. after it?" said the new member. "I'm a doctor."

The pro obeyed.

"There's just one more thing," went on the Scot. "Can ye squeeze 'Hours 10 to 3' on it as well?"

162 Spelling

"How is Hennery gettin' along with school, Eph?"

"Not so well, George. They're learnin' him to spell taters with a 'p.'"

✓163 Who Worried

A candidate for the police force was being verbally examined. "If you were by yourself in a police car and were pursued by a desperate gang of criminals in another car doing forty miles an hour along a lonely road, what would you do?" The candidate looked puzzled for a moment. Then he replied, "Fifty."

✓164 No Leisure

A farmer who went to a large city to see the sights engaged a room at a hotel and before retiring asked the clerk about the hours for meals.

"We have breakfast from 7 to 11, dinner from 12 to 3, and supper from 6 to 8," explained the clerk.

"Look here," inquired the farmer in surprise, "what time am I going to see the town?"

✓165 No Hurry

Meek voice over the telephone: "Doctor, this is Mr. Henpeck. My wife just dislocated her jaw. If you're out this way next week or the week after, you might drop in and see her."

166 From Memory

"Aren't people funny?" GAUTAM NATHU V

"Yes. If you tell a man that there are 270,678,934,341 stars in the universe he'll believe you—but if a sign says 'Fresh Paint,' that same man has to make a personal investigation."

167 A Friend in Need

The midday whistle had blown when Murphy shouted, "Has anyone seen my vest?"

"Sure, Murphy," said Pat, "and ye've got it on."

"Right and I have," replied Murphy, gazing solemnly at his bosom, "and it's a good thing ye seen it or I'd have [illegible]"

154 IT MADE A DIFFERENCE

Visitor: If your mother gave you two apples and told you to give one to your brother, would you give him the little one or the big one?

Johnny: *Do you mean my little brother or my big one?*

155 GETTING OUT OF A BAD FIX

A business man who had been through several years of depression decided he needed a vacation. When he discussed the matter with his wife, she said that she wanted to go along with him on a trip which he was planning to take around the world. He agreed, and then she added that she would like to take her mother along. He was not certain that he wished to take his mother-in-law along with him on a trip around the world for his health. They argued about it for a while; the argument finally was compromised—and the three of them went on the trip. One day when they were in Central Africa, half way around the world, camping out in the open, they arose in the morning, and lo and behold! the mother-in-law was missing. They looked for her for several hours and finally found her standing in a cleared spot in a dense forest with a mountain lion ten feet away roaring.

The wife cried, "John, John, what shall we do for mother?"

He looked the situation over carefully, meditated for a moment and said, "Mary, it looks to me as if the lion got himself into that fix. Let him get himself out the best way that he *can*." (A speaker might say, "Considering the controversial nature of this subject, I presume I ought to get myself out of this situation as quickly and with as little embarrassment as possible.")

156 YOU PUT HIM TO SLEEP

A man fell asleep in the congregation of a church. The preacher stopped and asked a young boy sitting beside the man to wake him up. The boy said, "Wake him up yourself—you put him to sleep." (Suitable if a speech is long.)

157 CONCISE

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179
"I'm sorry—I quite forgot your party the other evening!"
"Oh, weren't you there?"

Familiar

180
Guide: "This castle has stood for six hundred years. Not a stone has been touched, nothing altered, nothing replaced."
Visitor: "Um, they must have the same landlord we have."

Chit-Chat

181
Officer (to colored driver who has been whipping his horse): "Don't whip him, man—talk to him."
Driver (to horse, by way of opening the conversation): "Ah comes from N'Awleans. Where does youall come from?"

No Favors

182
Son: "Say, Dad, that apple I just ate had a worm in it, and I ate that, too."
Parent: "What! Here, drink this water and wash it down."
But Junior shook his head. "Aw, let 'im walk down."

With a Speedy Recovery

183
Hewitt: "You don't seem to think much of him."
Jewett: "If he had his conscience taken out, it would be a minor operation."

On the Spot

184
Office-Boy (nervously): "Please, sir, I think you're wanted on the 'phone."
Employer: "You think! What's the good of thinking?"
"Well, sir, the voice at the other end said, 'Hello, is that you, you old idiot?'"

A System

185
"Are you saving any money since you started your budget system?"
"Sure. By the time we have balanced it up every evening, it's too late to go anywhere."

He Made Sure

186
Many are the stories told about the care Gen. Smedley D. Butler always took in looking after the welfare of the men in his command—especially as regarded their food. One relates that when he was in command of Camp Pontanezen, France, he met two soldiers carrying a large soup kettle from the kitchen.
"Here you," he ordered, "let me taste that."
"But, Gen——"
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Man (getting a shave) "Barber will you please give me a glass of water?"
Barber: "What is the matter? Something in your throat?"
Man 'No—I want to see if my neck leaks."

188 TACT

Mikhail "You look positively beautiful tonight."
Elsie: "Oh, you flatterer!"
Mikhail "No, it's true. I had to look twice before I recognized you."

189 SLOW MOTION

A cameraman, working for the educational department of a film company met an old farmer in town and said

"I've just been taking some moving pictures of life out on your farm."

"Did you catch any of my men in motion?" asked the old farmer curiously

"Sure I did."

The farmer shook his head reflectively then commented "Science is a wonderful thing"

190 A QUESTION OF TITLE

"After another season," said Farmer Corntassel, "I guess we'll have a chef for the summer boarders."

"What's a chef?" asked Mrs. Corntassel.

"A chef is a man with a big enough vocabulary to give the soup a different name every day"

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Husband (after the theater) "But, dear what did you object to?"
Wife: "Why the idea of your bellowing Author! Author!' at a Shakespearean drama."

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Heard in the tube: "How old should you say she is?"
"Oh, somewhere in the middle flirties!"

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"Can you serve company?" asked the housewife when she was hiring the servant.

"Yes, mum both ways."

"What do you mean?" asked the puzzled one.

"So's they'll come again, or stay away"

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The little girl was impressed by the sermon describing the attractions of heaven. Some time later she asked her mother

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Her mother replied that since animals do not have souls they could hardly be expected to go to heaven

"Then where do the angels get strings for their harps?"

210 ASSURANCE

A negro preacher had pestered his bishop so much with appeals for help that the bishop finally told him in a tone of finality that he didn't want to hear any more appeals from him.

The next week there came a letter from the preacher as follows "Dear Bishop: I assure you this is not an appeal. I assure you it is a report. I have no pants."

211 STATISTICS

Chief Instructor "Now remember men, statistics don't lie. Now for an example, if twelve men could build a house in one day one man could build

the same boat in twelve days. Do you understand what I mean? Jeep, give me an example.

Jeep: "You mean that if one boat could cross the ocean in six days, six boats could cross the ocean in one day."

212 A Dry Speaker

Everything that could be done to make the great unemployed meeting a success had been accomplished. A large hall and a good speaker had been engaged. When the latter arrived, he seemed to be in a crabby frame of mind. Looking around he beckoned the chairman.

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"To drink?" was the chairman's idiotic question.

"Oh, no," was the sarcastic retort, "when I've been speaking a half hour I do a high dive."

213 From the Inside

"Look at that one—the one staring at us through the bars. Doesn't he look intelligent?"

"Yes. There is something uncanny about it."

"He looks as if he understood every word we're saying."

"Walks on his hind legs, too, and swings his arms."

"There! He's got a peanut. Let's see what he does with it."

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"She must be his mate."

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214 Bankrupt

"Dear folks: Please send four hundred dollars at once; the school is bankrupt and each student has to pay double tuition. Kindly make the check out to me. Your son, Elmer."

215 He Found Out

A colored man was caught trying to sell insurance without a license, and was hauled before the insurance commissioner.

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209 PUZZLER

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Her mother replied that since animals do not have souls they could hardly be expected to go to heaven.

"Then where do the angels get strings for their harps?"

210 ASSURANCE

A negro preacher had pestered his bishop so much with appeals for help that the bishop finally told him in a tone of finality that he didn't want to hear any more appeals from him

The next week there came a letter from the preacher as follows "Dear Bishop: I assure you this is not an appeal. I assure you it is a report. I have no pants."

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Putting on the Ritz

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218 It Is, Dear

"You know dear John doesn't seem to be as well dressed as he was when you married him."

"That's funny I'm sure it's the same suit."

219 Believes in Signs

Teacher (to tardy student)—"Why are you late?"

Bobby—"Well, a sign down here ——"

Teacher—"Well what has a sign got to do with it?"

Bobby—"The sign said 'School ahead go slow '"

220 Tsk Tsk!

"Is your Daddy home, sonny?"

"No, sir He hasn't been home since mother caught Santa Claus kissing the maid."

221 If You Are Discouraged

If you are discouraged, compare your problems with those of the father who wrote this letter Note particularly the last paragraph. The daughter wrote that she was coming home with her husband to live with father Father wrote as follows

"Dear Daughter·

I note from your letter that you are coming home with Wilfred and the children to live with us because Wilfred received an adjustment in his salary which was an insult to him. Wilfred, I assume, feels he can not endure the insult.

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Your loving father"

222 Finished His Speech but Hasn't Stopped Talking

A man walked out of a hall where a speaker was addressing a meeting Some one in the corridor asked him if the speaker had finished his speech. He said, "Yes, he finished his speech shortly after he started, but he hasn't stopped talking" (Suitable if a speech is long)

223 Adaptation

In a physiology class the teacher said, "Johnnie, can you give a familiar example of the human body as it adapts itself to changed conditions?"

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Little Mary "Mother they are going to teach us domestic silence at school now"

Mother "Don't you mean domestic science?"

Father "There is a bare hope our little girl means what she is saying"

302 STRANGE

Little Bobby was sitting with his mother in church during the wedding of her eldest daughter Halfway through the service, he observed his mother crying.

"Why are you crying, mama?" he asked. "It's not your wedding"

303 NATURE STORY

A tourist traveling through the Texas Panhandle got into conversation with an old settler and his son at a filling-station.

"Looks as though we might have rain," said the tourist.

"Well, I hope so," replied the native, "not so much for myself as for my boy here. I've seen it rain."

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The teacher was trying to impress upon her class the advantages of peace and disarmament. "How many of you boys object to war?" she asked. Up went several hands.

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"'Cause wars make history" replied Jimmy soberly

305 WILLING TO RECIPROCATE

Professor "Er—My dear what's the meaning of this vase of flowers on the table today?"

Wife "*Meaning?* Why today is your wedding anniversary"

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Pupil: "Well, if I could, what would be the use of my coming here?"

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A Long Way to Go

Weary Willie's financial position was very shaky, and when he met a kind old lady in the park he decided to tell her his story.

"Yes, ma'am," he said, "I've asked for money, and begged for money, and cried for money."

"Have you ever thought of working for it, my man?" she asked.

"No, not yet, ma'am," said Willie. "You see, it's like this, I'm going through the alphabet, and I ain't got to 'W' yet."

330

He Should Know

Prospective Bridegroom (gaily): "Will it take much to feather a nest?"
Furniture Dealer: "Oh, no—only a little down."

331

Safety First

A woman motorist was driving along a country road when she noticed a couple of repair men climbing telephone poles.

"Fools!" she exclaimed to her companion, "they must think I never drove a car before."

332

A Safe Bet

The old martinet was lecturing his nephew.

"Never known such a generation," said the old fellow. "You modern boys want too much."

The boy was tactfully silent.

"Do you know what I was getting when I married your aunt?" asked the uncle.

"No," replied the nephew, realizing the time had come to terminate the argument, "and I bet you didn't, either."

333

Night Life

"My, isn't a night club a great place on a rainy night?"
"You said it! Stay outside and get wet and come in and get soaked."

334

Dry Country

The mayor of a tough border town was about to engage a preacher for the new church.

"Parson, you aren't by any chance a Baptist, are you?"

"No. Why?"

"Well, I was just going to say that we have to haul our water twelve miles."

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Cold Turkey

Arctic Explorer: "It was so cold where we were that the candle froze and we couldn't blow it out."

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363 Orientation

House Mother: "Young man, we turn the lights off at 10:30!"
Freshman: "Oh, boy! that'll be keen."

364 Tsk! Tsk!

Mrs. Knocker: "We are told one-third of the nation is ill-housed, ill-nourished and ill-clad."
Mr. Knocker: "I didn't realize so many go away for the summer."

365 Slightly Scrambled

Another addition to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Jed Draper occurred Friday night, this time a bouncing boy. *Martinez (Cal.) Citizen*
The bride is a member of Cochran's social set, a member of the Junior League, and a skilled musician. *Coulton (Ore.) Advocate*

366 Your Choice

The tramp called at a home and asked for food.
Housewife: "And how would you like a nice chop?"
Tramp: "That all depends, lady—is it lamb, pork or wood?"

367 Request Number

Douglas Jerrold was accounted the greatest wit of his generation. They were talking in a certain company about a popular song. One rather silly young enthusiast exclaimed, "That air always carries me away when I hear it."
Jerrold wistfully looked around him. "Can anybody whistle it?" he inquired.

368 In Hunting Season

"Sorry, sir, but I'm all out of wild ducks. I could let you have a f ... of ham."
"Don't kid me. How could I go home and say I shot an end of h

369 Heavy Finance

Englishman (in poker game): "Well, I'll wager a bally po
American (holding four aces): "I dunno much about y money, but I'll raise you a couple of tons!"

370 Sez You ... a job? When I was

"The potato is hard-hit by the radio," says a dealer. ... of five years next door.

371 Two of a Kind ... a mind-reader."

Mr. Nagg: "Those newlyweds are pretty well ... a palm."
Mrs. Nagg: "Yeah, she's a grass widow and h

Garage mechanic: "No but I can fix it so that you can ask him in a *few* days how he bent it."

352 MATRIMONIALLY INCLINED

Doris: "When is your sister thinking of getting married?"
Tom "Constantly"

353 ECONOMICAL SCOT

"Stand behind your lover, false woman," thundered the Scotsman, "I'm going to shoot you both."

354 EPITAPH

"Here Lies an Atheist, All Dressed Up and No Place to Go."

355 CRAMPED

"That fellow must live in a very small flat."
"How can you tell?"
"Why haven't you noticed that his dog wags his tail up and down, instead of sideways?"

356 COINCIDENCE

"So he is a reckless driver?"
"Say, when the road turns the same way as he does, it's just a coincidence.

357 THOUGHTFUL

Freshman "Say what's the idea of wearing my raincoat?"
Roommate "Well you wouldn't want your new suit to get wet, would you?"

358 *SUBSTITUTE*

"Tommy what is a synonym?" the teacher asked.
"A synonym," said Tommy wisely, "is a word you use when you can't spell the other one."

359 LIVING ON THEIR INCOME

Householder (to prospective maid) "Why did you leave your last place?
Maid "Oh, it was so dull. They were trying to live on their income."

360 WASTED EFFORT

"Ah," sighed the serious-faced passenger, "how little we know of the future and what it has in store for us."
"That's true," responded the other
"Little did I think when some 30 years ago I carved my initials on the desk in the old country school that I would some day *grow up and fail to become* famous."

361 *HIS SAVING GRACE*

Doctor (after examining patient) "I don't like the looks of your husband Mrs. Brown."
Mrs. Brown "*Neither do I, doctor* but he's good to our children."

362 *TEMPUS FUGIT*

Sam Watson, a tall, solemn-looking Negro, making his annual trip for his holiday purchases, was a little belated, reaching *the city* on Christmas eve.

Then he laughed, and said when he made that statement in a speech at Detroit one of the ladies in the audience piped up:

"That's not so unusual—you often see it over here too."

382 ONE ON THE BUTTON

Mr Grouch. "Woman is nothing but a rag, a bone and a hank of hair"

Mrs. Grouch. "Man is nothing but a brag, a groan and a tank of air"

383 A DIPLOMAT

Judge O'Flaherty "Haven't you been before me before?

Prisoner "No, yer honor. Oi never saw but one face that looked loike yours and that was a photygraf of an Irish king."

Judge O'Flaherty "Discharged! Call the next case!"

384 THE MODERN AGE

"Why what are you crying so for sonny? asked Dad of his four-year-old heir

"I heard you say you were going to get a new baby and I suppose that means you'll trade me in on it, he sobbed.

385 LIKE A CRICKET IN A CABBAGE

"When a man is asleep he's a mere vegetable," says a scientific writer "He is, however not edible—only audible."

386 CASHING IN ON A CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

My friend laughed when I spoke to the waiter in French, but the laugh was on him. I told the waiter to give him the check.

387 THAT SILVER LINING

Lily "So yo done mortgaged our li'l home.

Mose: "Jes' temp'rarily honey till de mortgage am foreclosed.

388 COSTLY DELUSION

"My wife had a dream last night and thought she was married to a millionaire."

"You're lucky! My wife thinks that in the daytime."

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Diner: "Waiter that soup is cold. Bring me some that's hot."

Waiter: "What do you want me to do? Burn my thumb?"

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372 A HOWLING SUCCESS

Oletimer: "Is your married life one grand sweet song?"

Newlywed "Well, since our baby's been born it's more like an opera, full of grand marches, with loud calls for the author every night."

373 TRANSPORT HAS CHANGED

"If witches came back they'd flourish in some parts of the country as much as they ever did," says a writer "But they'd find it a little awkward getting about on a vacuum cleaner, wouldn't they?"

374 TREES

I think that I shall never see along the road an unscraped tree, with bark intact, and painted white, that no car ever hit at night. For every tree that's near the road has caused some auto to be towed.

Sideswiping trees is done a lot by drivers who are plumb half shot. God gave them eyes so they might see, yet any fool can hit a tree.

375 CONSIDERATE

Soph "But I don't think I deserve a zero."

Prof "Neither do I, but it's the lowest mark I'm allowed to give."

376 CAN'T FIRE THE COOK

Woman "Does your husband kick about the meals?"

Other Bridge Player (smiling) "No, what he kicks about is having to get them."

377 STEPPING ON IT

Employer "Do you believe in love at first sight, Miss Vamper?"

Stenographer: "Well, I think it saves a lot of time."

378 TRY A SEXTANT

Golfer (far off in the rough) "Say caddy why do you keep looking at your watch?"

C dy "It isn't a watch, sir 's a compass."

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382 One on the Button

Mr. Grouch: "Woman is nothing but a rag, a bone and a hank of hair."

Mrs. Grouch: "Man is nothing but a brag, a groan and a tank of air."

383 A Diplomat

Judge O'Flaherty: "Haven't you been before me before?"

Prisoner: "No, yer honor. Oi never saw but one face that looked loike yours and that was a photygraf of an Irish king."

Judge O'Flaherty: "Discharged! Call the next case!"

384 This Modern Age

"Why, what are you crying so for, sonny?" asked Dad of his four-year-old heir.

"I heard you say you were going to get a new baby and I suppose that means you'll trade me in on it," he sobbed.

385 Like a Cricket in a Cabbage

"When a man is asleep he's a mere vegetable," says a scientific writer. "He is, however, not edible—only audible."

386 Cashing In on a Correspondence Course

My friend laughed when I spoke to the waiter in French, but the laugh was on him. I told the waiter to give him the check.

387 That Silver Lining

Lily: "So yo' done mortgaged our li'l home."

Mose: "Jes' temp'rarily, honey, till de mortgage am foreclosed."

388 Costly Delusion

"My wife had a dream last night and thought she was married to a millionaire."

"You're lucky! My wife thinks that in the daytime."

389 Safety First

Diner: "Waiter, this soup is cold. Bring me some that's hot."

Waiter: "What do you want me to do? Burn my thumb?"

390 Alger Heroes Are Extinct

Gruff father to son: "Why don't you get out and find a job? When I was your age I was working for $3 a week in a store, and at the end of five years I owned the store."

Son: "You can't do that nowadays. They have ... [illegible] registers."

391 Minus a Mind

Wife: "I can't decide whether to go to a palmist or to a mind-reader."

Husband: "Go to a palmist. It's obvious that you have a palm."

392 COULDN'T MISS HIM

"Waiter have you forgotten me?"
"Oh, no, sir, you are the stuffed calf's head."

393 CALL A PLUMBER

City Boy "Say dad, how many kinds of milk are there?"
Father· "Well, there's evaporated milk, buttermilk, malted milk and—but why do you wish to know?"
"Oh, I'm drawing a picture of a cow and I want to know how many spigots to put on her"

394 OR TRY HEAD CHEESE

"Yes, I know fish is brain food, but I don't care so much for fish. Hasn't there some other brain food?"
"Well there's noodle soup.

395 HOME TOWN CUSTOM

Boy: "Do you know dad, that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?"
Dad "Why single out Africa?"

396 BOOM IN AGRICULTURE

"How's your farm work coming?"
"Oh, fine! Got the billboard and hotdog stand painted, and the filling station stocked full of gas."

397 READY FOR THE WO... AST

Dorothy· "How long is it to my birthday?"
Mother· "Not very long dear" ... day?"
Dorothy "Well, is it time for me to begin to be a good girl?"

398 ...rough GAME TO THE LAST

"So you are und... 't a taking to keep bees?"
"Yes," answer... "I don't want to miss anything and I've been stung ...ed Farmer Corntossel. ...very other way there is."

399 IMMOBILIZING BOSSY

The little city boy... stood and watched the farmer milk the only cow he had. The next morning th... he farmer was much excited, as the cow had been stolen during the night.
Farmer "Drat the ...thief that stole that cow He's miles away from here by now"
Little Boy: "I wouldn't worry 'bout it, mister they can't get so far away with it, cause you drained her crank-case last night."
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"Do you guarantee this hair-restorer?"
"Better than that, sir. We give a comb with every bottle."

402 **Well, It Helps**

"Murphy got rich quick, didn't he?"
"He got rich so quick that he can't swing a golf club without spitting on his hands."

403 **Something Nice**

Hubby: "The bank has returned that check."
Wife: "Isn't that splendid! What can we buy with it this time?"

404 **He'll Catch Up**

Neighbor: "Where is your brother, Freddie?"
Freddie: "He's in the house playing a duet. I finished first."

405 **That's One Way of Putting It**

Vicar: "I was grieved to hear your husband has gone at last."
Mrs. Black: "Yes, 'e 'as, sir, and I only hope 'e's gone where I know 'e ain't."

406 **In Plain English**

Pastor Jones: "Brethren, we must do somethin' to remedy de status quo."
Deacon: "Brother Jones, what am de status quo?"
Pastor: "Dat, b[illegible]er am Latin for de mess we's in."

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King Arthur: "How did you remember you forgot it?"

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Recalcitrant

470

Bill (viciously attacking a piece of chicken): "This must be an incubator chicken.

Joe: "Why?"

Bill. "No chicken with a mother could be so tough."

Bovine

471

Artist: "That, sir, is a cow grazing."

Visitor: "Where is the grass?

Artist: "The cow has eaten it."

Visitor: "But where is the cow?"

Artist: "You don't suppose she'd be fool enough to stay there after she'd eaten all the grass, do you?

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472

An English cub reporter frequently reprimanded for relating too many details and warned to be brief, turned in the following:

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Cautious

473

Father was standing at the edge of a cliff admiring the sea below the sandwiches clutched in his hand. His son approached him and tugged at his coat.

"Mother says it isn't safe here," said the boy "and you're either to come away or else give me the sandwiches.

Strangle-Hold

474

On a crowded car: "Madam, would you like me to get you a strap?"

"No, thank you, I have one."

"Then, would you mind letting go of my necktie?

Challenge

475

A hard-driving taxi driver ignored a red signal, threatened a policeman's knees, missed the street island by a hair and grazed a bus, all in one dash.

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"Listen, cowboy," he growled. "On the way back I'll drop this and see if you can pick it up with yer teeth."

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A bricklayer working on top of a high building carelessly dropped a brick, which landed on the head of his negro helper below

"Yah-all bettah be careful up dere, boss," said the helper, dusting his hat off. "Yah done made me bite mah tongue!"

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493 Yes!

"Mr Brown, these are very small oysters you are selling me."
"Yes, ma'am."
"They don't appear to be very fresh, either"
"Then it's lucky they're small, ain't it?"

494 Ho, Hum

An English tourist was on his first visit to Niagara Falls, and the guide was trying to impress him with its magnificence.
"Grand," suggested the guide.
The visitor did not seem much impressed.
"Millions of gallons a minute," explained the guide.
"How many in a day?" asked the tourist.
"Oh, billions and billions," answered the guide.
The visitor looked across, and down and up, as if gaging the flow Then he turned away with a shrug, apparently unaffected.
"Runs all night, too, I suppose," he remarked.

495 A Riddle to End All Riddles

A train operated by a Norwegian engineer starts to New York from Albany just as a train with a drunken engineer leaves New York for Albany There's only one track, no switches or sidings, yet the trains do not collide. Why? Because Norse is Norse and Souse is Souse and never the twain shall meet.

496 Economics

"It's tough to pay forty cents a pound for meat."
"Mmm. But it's tougher when you pay only twenty"

497 Service

The motorist had just bought a tankful of gasoline, and the station attendant was going through his little ritual
Attendant. "Check your oil, sir?"
Motorist. "No, it's O.K."
Attendant "Got enough water in your radiator?"
Motorist "Yes filled up."
Attendant "Anything else, sir?"
Motorist. "Yes, would you please stick out your tongue so I can seal this letter?"

498 It's Perfect

"Is that hair tonic any good?"
"Say I spilled some of it on my comb last week and now it's a brush."

499 And Still Hungry

"What is a cannibal, Tommy?"
"I don't know"
"Well, if you ate your mother and father what would you be?"
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Truth

506

Teacher (brightly): "As we walk out-of-doors on a cold winter's morning and look about us, what do we see on every hand?"

Class (as a man): "Gloves!"

Worried

507

A visitor at the Capitol was accompanied by his small son. The little boy watched from the gallery when the House came to order.

"Why did the minister pray for all those men, Pop?"

"He didn't. He looked them over and prayed for the country."

We Wonder, Too

508

Husband: "Have you ever wondered what you would do if you had Rockefeller's income?"

Wife: "No, but I have often wondered what he would do if he had mine!"

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Jim: "Wher[illegible] she said 'This is so sudden'?"

George: "N[illegible] 'The suspense has been terrible.'"

517

In Training

The vicar was paying a visit to the homes of his poorer parishioners, and in one of the homes he asked a good many questions about the family. A very grubby but very cheerful little boy attracted the kindly cleric's attention, and he asked him his name.

"Reginald d'Arcy Snaff, sir," replied the boy with a grin.

The vicar turned to the boy's father.

"What made you give the boy a name like that?" he asked.

"'Cause I want 'im to be a professional boxer," returned the parent, "an' wiv a name like that he'll get plenty o' practice at school."

518

Doubtful Character

Customer: "Remember that cheese you sold me yesterday?"

Grocer: "Yes, madam."

Customer: "Did you say it was imported or deported from Switzerland?"

519

Two of a Kind

Mrs. John: "Wake up, John, there's a burglar going through your pants pockets."

John (turning over): "Oh, you two just fight it out between yourselves."

520

Too Coarse

Mr. Newlywed: "What's wrong with this cake, dear? It tastes kind of gritty."

Mrs. Newlywed: "Don't be silly, darling. The recipe calls for three whole eggs and I guess I didn't get the shells beaten up fine enough."

521

Sponged Cake

Hubby: "What are we having for dessert tonight, dear?"

Wife: "Sponge cake. I sponged the eggs from Mrs. Brown, the flour from Mrs. Smith and the milk from Mrs. Jones."

522

Too Long to Wait

"What inspired the old-time pioneers to set forth in their covered wagons?"

"Well, maybe they didn't want to wait about 30 years for a train."

523

The Let Down

For months he had been her devoted admirer. Now, at long last, he had collected up sufficient courage to ask her the most momentous of all questions.

"There are quite a lot of advantages in being a bachelor," he began, "but there comes a time when one longs for the companionship of another being—a being who will regard one as perfect, as an idol; whom one can treat as one's absolute property; who will be kind and faithful when times are hard, who will share one's joys and sorrows——"

To his delight he saw a sympathetic gleam in her eyes. Then she nodded in agreement.

"So you're thinking of buying a dog?" she said. "I think it's a fine idea. Do let me help you choose one!"

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Modern Youth

"Is your daughter home from school for the holidays?"

"I think so. One of the servants said she saw her day before yesterday."

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Jim: "When you proposed to her, I suppose she said 'This is so sudden'?"

George: "No, she was honest about it and said 'The suspense has been terrible.'"

535 SPOILED HIS WISH

Sonny: "Kin I have the wishbone, mother?

Mother: "Not until you've eaten your spinach."

Sonny: "Yes, but I wanted to wish I didn't have to eat it."

536 HIS OVERSIGHT

Waiter: "How did you order your steak, sir?

Diner (impatiently): "Orally but I realize now I should have ordered it by mail in advance.

537 CANDID ANSWER

Boy Friend: "You're dancing with me tonight, and I suppose tomorrow you'll be making a date with some other man."

Girl Friend: "Yes, with my chiropodist."

538 SPELLING

Teacher: "Why did you spell pneumatic 'neumatic'?

Pupil: "The 'p' on my typewriter isn't working."

539 STAYING HOME

"Boy, if I had a wife like yours, I'd stay home every night in the week."

"I'll say you would, or get your neck broken."

540 QUITE IMPORTANT

A Chinaman was worried by a vicious looking dog.

"Don't be afraid of him," the owner reassured. "You know the old proverb, 'A barking dog never bites.'"

"Yes," replied the Chinaman, "you know ploverb, me know ploverb, but do dog know ploverb?

541 TAKING NO CHANCES

Passerby: "Kinda cold sitting on your front porch this weather, isn't it, Davis?"

Mr. Davis: "Well, yes, a little, but you see my wife is taking her singing lesson, and I don't want the neighbors to think I'm beating her up."

THE WORLD MOVES TOO FAST

"Nothing to read around this place," stormed the man of the house who had settled down for an evening, "but some old next month's magazines!"

'TWAS EVER THUS

"Has your wife changed very much since you married her?"

"Yes, she's changed my friends, my habits and my hours."

TRUTHFUL ANSWER

[illegible]: "Won't you walk as far as the street car with me, Tommy?"

Tommy: "Nome, I can't."

[illegible]: "Why not?"

Tommy: "'Cause we're gonna eat dinner soon's you're gone."

525 UNPREDICTABLE

"I turned the way I signaled," said the lady indignantly after the crash.
"I know it," retorted the man. "That's what fooled me."

526 LIVE ON HIS INCOME

"Do you love me?"
"Yes, handsome."
"Can you live on my income?"
"Yes, but what will you live on?"

527 SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE

Wally "Gee, pop, there's a man in the circus who jumps on a horse's back, slips underneath catches hold of its tail, and finishes up on the horse's neck."
Father "That's nothing I did all that, and more, the first time I ever rode a horse."

528 WHY WORRY ABOUT IT?

Teacher "Take 13½ from 29¼ and what's the difference?"
Class Dunce: "Yeah, that's what I say, who cares anyhow?"

529 DIFFICULT DAYS

A person has to be a contortionist to get along these days. First of all he's got to keep his back to the wall, and his ear to the ground. He's expected to put his shoulder to the wheel, his nose to the grindstone, keep a level head and both feet on the ground. And, at the same time have his head in the clouds, so he can look for the silver lining

530 MODEST

Goolsby "Did anyone in your family ever make a brilliant marriage?"
Harefoot: "Only my wife."

531 THE INEVITABLE END

Man wants but little here below,
He's ready to admit it,
And if Uncle Sam keeps taxing him
He's pretty sure to git it.

532 REMISS

Vicar (benevolently) "And what is your name, my little man?"
Small boy "Well, if that ain't the limit. Why it was you that christe me."

533 TIME TO REPEAT

Mose "Don't you start no fight with me, big boy Remember Al decorated foh bravery in the Spanish war"
Sambo "Maybe yo' was but it done give you such a swell head you ax ripe to be redecorated."

534 HAVING WONDERFUL TIME

Says a postcard from a truth-telling vacationist at an expensive resort "Having a wonderful time wish I could afford it."

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Pa. "I don't know her well enough."

545 REASON ENOUGH

"Just tell me one good reason why you can't buy a new car now" said the persistent automobile salesman.

"Well, I'll tell you, man," replied the farmer "I'm still paying installments on the car I swapped for the car I traded in as part payment on the car I own now"

546 O WONDERFUL HORSE!

O horse, you are a wonderful thing·
No buttons to push, no horn to honk,
You start yourself, no clutch to slip,
No spark to miss, no gears to strip·
No license buying every year
With plates to screw on front and rear;
No gas bills climbing up each day
Stealing the joy of life away
No speed cops chugging in your rear,
Yelling summons in your ear
Your inner tubes are all O.K.
And thank the Lord, they stay that way·
Your spark plugs never miss and fuss
Your motor never makes us cuss.
Your frame is good for many a mile;
Your body never changes style.
Your wants are few and easy met;
You've something on the auto yet.

Northwestern Banker

547 SLIGHT TRANSPOSITION

The visitor paid his bill at the fashionable hotel, and as he went out, he noticed a sign near the door "Have you left anything?"

So he went back and spoke to the manager "That sign's wrong," he said. "It should read 'Have you anything left?' "

548 WHAT MODEL?

"Mah bredern," said a Negro preacher "when yo hears Gabriel sound his horn yo wants to be ready to jump."

"Mah goodness," exclaimed one of the congregation, "am he comin in an auto?"

549 FOLLOWING ORDERS

Bill "You look all out of sorts. What's the matter?"

Jack "Plenty On account of my rheumatism the doctor told me to avoid all dampness—and you've no idea how silly I feel sitting in an empty bathtub and going over myself with a vacuum cleaner"

550 SCHEMER

Billy (who has eaten his apple): "Let's play Adam and Eve."

Small Sister "How do you play that, Billy?"

Billy· "Well, you tempt me to eat your apple and I'll give in."

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Man: "What makes you think that?"
Boy: "'Cause compensation's set in."

569 GENEROUS

The young bride was extolling the virtues of her husband to a friend. "George is just the most generous man in the world," she declared. "He gives me everything credit can buy."

570 EYE FOR EYE

A small boy leading a donkey passed by an army camp. A couple of soldiers wanted to have some fun with the lad.

"What are you holding on to your brother so tight for, sonny?" said one of them.

"So he won't join the army," the youngster replied without blinking an eye.

571 AMELIORATING CIRCUMSTANCES

An old farmer was moodily regarding the ravages of the flood.
"Hiram," yelled a neighbor, "your pigs were all washed down the creek."
"How about Flaherty's pigs?" asked the farmer.
"They're gone, too."
"And Larsen's?"
"Yes."
"Humph!" ejaculated the farmer, cheering up. "'Tain't so bad as I thought."

572 INTRICACIES OF FINANCE

Rastus borrowed $35 from his friend Amos and gave a note for the amount. The note became long past due. One day Amos called on Rastus and demanded, "When you-all gwine pay dat note?"

"Ah ain't got no money now, but Ah gwine pay just as soon as Ah kin."

"Dat don't git me nothin'," retorted Amos. "If you-all don't pay me here an' now, Ah gwine burn up your old note; den where you-all gwine be at?"

"You better not! You better not!" shouted Rastus. "You just burn dat note of mine, and Ah'll burn you up wid a lawsuit."

573 DEFINITION

The identity of the young lady is withheld, but the memory of her answer lingers with the instructor conducting a science course at a local high school. One of the requirements in the written quiz was: "Define a bolt and nut and explain the difference, if any." The girl wrote:

"A bolt is a thing like a stick of hard metal such as iron with a square bunch on one end and a lot of scratching wound around the other end. A nut is similar to the bolt only just the opposite, being a hole in a little chunk of iron sawed off short with wrinkles around the inside of the hole."

The startled professor marked that one with a large "A."

574 OBLIGING

Fat Man (in a movie to little boy sitting behind him): "Can't you see, little fellow?"

Little Fellow: "Not a thing."

Fat Man: "Then keep your eye on me and laugh when I do."

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"No, but he is almost at the top of the list of those who failed."

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581 GRADUAL PROGRESS

Victim: "Hey, that wasn't the tooth I wanted pulled."
Dentist: "Calm yourself, I'm coming to it!"

582 VOYAGEUR

Visitor: "How far is it to Washington?"
Native: "Waal, I don't rightly know, but I'll call Eph. Eph'll know. He's traveled all over. He's got shoes."

583 CLOSE SHAVE

A couple of boys out in Nebraska were discussing the recent drought. One fellow had some wheat which he managed to harvest.
"The drought sure has made the wheat short this year."
"Short? Say, I had to lather mine to mow it!"

584 BOOK LARNIN

The Southern father was introducing his family of boys to a visiting Governor.
"Seventeen boys," exclaimed the Governor. "And all Democrats, I suppose."
"All but one," said the father proudly. "They're all Democrats but John, the little rascal. He got to readin'."

585 Agreed

Telephone Operator: "Is that 1749?"
Colored Maid: "Yassum."
T. O.: "Is this Mrs. Blots' residence?"
C. M.: "Yassum."
T. O.: "Long distance from Washington."
C. M.: "Yassum, sho is."

586 Steady Customer

Housewife: "Look here, my man, why do you always come to my house to beg?"
Tramp: "Doctor's orders, madam."
Housewife: "Doctor's orders?
Tramp: "He told me that when I found food that agreed with me I should stick to it.

587 Secondhand

Daughter of first film star: "How do you like your new father?"
Daughter of second film star: "Oh, he's very nice.
Daughter of first film star: "Yes, isn't he? We had him last year."

588 Tactful

First Clerk: "Have you and your boss ever had any differences of opinion?"
Second Ditto: "Yes, but he doesn't know it!"

589 Genesis

A surgeon, an architect, and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest.

Said the surgeon: "Eve was made *from* Adam's rib, and that surely was a surgical operation.

"Maybe, said the architect, "but prior to that, order was created out of chaos, and that was an architectural job.

"But, interrupted the politician, "somebody created the chaos first!"

590 Same Result

"Are you a college *man?*
"No; a horse stepped on my hat."

591 No Place for Him

A young lawyer from the North sought to locate in the South. He wrote to a friend in Alabama, asking him what the prospects seemed to be in the city for an honest young lawyer and Republican."

In reply the friend wrote: "If you are an honest lawyer you will have absolutely no competition. If you are a Republican, the game laws will protect you."

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New typist (following rapid fire dictation): "Now Mr. Jones—what did you say between—'Dear Sir' and 'Sincerely yours'?"

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Victim "Hey that wasn't the tooth I wanted pulled."

Dentist. "Calm yourself, I m coming to it!"

582 VOYAGEUR

Visitor "How far is it to Washington?

Native "Wa al, I don t rightly know but I'll call Eph Eph'll know He s traveled all over He s got shoes."

583 CLOSE SHAVE

A couple of boys out in Nebraska were discussing the recent drought. One fellow had some wheat which he managed to harvest

"The drought sure has made the wheat short this year

"Short? Say I had to lather mine to mow it!

584 BOOK LARNIN

The Southern father was introducing his family of boys to a visiting Governor

"Seventeen boys," exclaimed the Governor "And all Democrats I suppose."

"All but one," said the father proudly "They re all Democrats but John, the little rascal. He got to readin

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She balanced herself daintily on a stool at the hamburger counter, looked over the pastries and, after a few minutes of indecision, addressed the counter man. "I would like to have two hamburgers well done; no pickle, but you may put a little mustard on them, if you don't mind."

Without turning his head the counter man shouted to the short order cook: "Eleaters, on two; hobnailed, hold the pucker and make 'em dirty."

607 WRONG IMPRESSION

Junior: "That man wasn't a painless dentist like he advertised."
Senior: "Why? Did he hurt you?"
Junior: "No, but he yelled when I bit his thumb, just like any other dentist."

608 CORRECT

Teacher: "Now, which boy can name five things that contain milk?"
Jimmie: "Butter, cheese, ice cream, and two cows."

609 MORE THAN SATISFIED

Son: "Dad, what was your greatest ambition when you were a kid?"
Dad: "To wear long pants. And I've had my wish. If there is anybody else in this country who wears his pants longer than I do

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To be like dad.
To be a fireman.
To make All-State.
To do something noble.
To get wealthy
To make ends meet.
To get the old-age pension.

594 SO UNSELFISH

Teacher "Unselfishness means going without something you need, voluntarily Can you give me an example of that, Bobby?"

Bobby "Yessum. Sometimes I go without a bath when I need one."

595 A REMINDER

I rose and gave her my seat—
I could not let her stand.
She made me think of Mother
With that strap held in her hand.

596 CLOSE RESEMBLANCE

Joe "The boss told us when he was a boy on a farm they had a mule that was just like one of the family"

Jim "Yeah, and I know which one."

597 A NEW ANGLE

As he was drilling a batch of recruits the sergeant saw that one of them was marching out of step. Going to the man as they marched, he said sarcastically "Do you know [illegible] all out of step except you?"

"What?" asked the recruit [illegible] innocently

"I said they are all out of ste[illegible] except you," repeated the sergeant.

"Well," was the retort, "you te[illegible] em. You're in charge."

598 WHAT A LIFE!

Husband (reading) "The tusks of [illegible] elephants were used last year to make billiard balls."

Wife "Isn't it wonderful that such big beasts can be taught to do such delicate work!"

599 FOLLOWING ORDERS

Mr Wimpus "You sure made a poor job of pai[illegible] this door"

Mrs. Wimpus "Well, you declared this morning th[illegible] it needed painting badly"

600 NO RESPONSIBILITY

Worker "Would you increase my wages I was married yester[illegible]?"

Foreman "Sorry but we are not responsible for accidents that [illegible] your outside the factory"

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"When I was a little boy I always ate my crusts," said Willie's father.

"Did you like them?" asked Willie.

"Of course I did," quickly responded his father

"Then you may have mine," replied his son, graciously

611 WRONG RECIPE

Groom "How did you make this cake, dear?"

Bride. "Here's the recipe. I clipped it from a magazine."

Groom "Are you sure you read the right side? The other side tells how to make a rock garden."

612 HIS ERROR

The owner of a cheap watch brought the timepiece into the jeweler's shop to see what could be done for it. "The mistake I made, of course," he admitted, "was in dropping this watch."

"Well, I don't suppose you could help that," the jeweler remarked. "The mistake you made was picking it up."

613 HIS GOOD DEED!

A naval officer fell overboard. He was rescued by a deck hand. The officer asked how he could reward him.

"The best way sir" said the gob, "is to say nothing about it. If the other fellows knew I'd pulled you out, they'd chuck me in."

614 HOPES REALIZED

Bill "Have you ever realized any of your childhood hopes?

Pete "Yes, when mother used to comb my hair I often wished I didn't have any"

615 A "TENSE" SITUATION

A school teacher was correcting a boy who said, "I ain't gwine."

Teacher "You have not studied your lesson Listen 'We are not going. You are not going. They are not going' Now do you understand?"

Boy "Yes, teacher Nobody ain't gwine"

616 IDEAL JOB

He had managed to get a job as collector for a gas company

"Take this master key and go round and empty all the coin boxes' get all the pennies and quarters" said the manager

He was gone for three weeks. Then he walked into the office and announced "Can I have another key? I've lost t'other one"

"Certainly" replied the manager "But where have you been all this time? The cashier has stayed late every Friday night expecting you to come for your wages."

"What!" exclaimed the man, beaming "do I get wages as well?

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Housewife "I don't suppose you know what good honest work is?"

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Mother: "What on earth can I do?"

Sonny: "You can be the lady who gives them peanuts and candy."

652 Tragic

"I understand," said a young woman to another, "that at your church you are having very small congregations. Is that so?"

"Yes," answered the other girl, "so small that every time the rector says, 'Dearly Beloved,' you feel as if you had received a proposal."

653 Budget

"What is a budget?"

"Well, it is a method of worrying before you spend instead of afterward."

654 Gentlemen of the Jury

The prosecuting counsel was having a little trouble with a rather difficult witness. Exasperated by the man's evasive answers, he asked him if he was acquainted with any of the jury.

"Yes, sir, more than half of them," replied the man in the box.

"Are you willing to swear that you know more than half of them?" asked the counsel.

"If it comes to that, I'm willing to swear that I know more than all of 'em put together," came defiantly from the witness.

655 Who's Driving This Car?

Timid Wife (to husband who has fallen asleep at the wheel): "I don't mean to dictate to you, George, but isn't that billboard coming at us awfully fast?"

656 Playing Safe

Teacher: "Johnny, why does Missouri stand at the head in mule-raising in the United States?"

Johnny: "Because the other end is dangerous."

657 That Settles It

Male Motorist (after barely avoiding a collision): "Why, in the name of common sense, didn't you signal?"

Woman Driver (who had just turned into her home driveway): "Why, I always turn here, stupid!"

658 And a Dollar

Teacher: "Tommy, if your father could save a dollar a week for four weeks what would he have?"

Tommy: "A radio, a new suit, and a set of furniture."

659 Where It Belonged

Judge (to amateur yegg): "So they caught you with this bundle of silverware. Whom did you plunder?"

"Ye're charged with bein drunk and disorderly" snapped the magistrate. "Have ye anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced?"

"Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn," began the prisoner, in a flight of oratory "I am not so debased as Poe, so profligate as Byron, so ungrateful as Keats, so intemperate as Burns, so timid as Tennyson, so vulgar as Shakespeare, so——"

"That'll do, that'll do" interrupted the magistrate. "Seven days. And, officer, take down that list of names he mentioned and round 'em up. I think they're as bad as he is."

644 DEPENDS UPON THE VIEW-POINT

A London doctor touring in the provinces had difficulty in obtaining suitable lodgings in a small town.

One landlady, showing him a dingy bedroom, remarked persuasively "As a whole, this is quite a nice room, isn't it?"

"Yes, madam," he agreed, "but as a bedroom it's no good."

645 PLAYING SAFE

The hotel clerk was growing impatient as the prospect took so long to read the names on the register "Just sign on that line, please," said the clerk.

The prospect was indignant and retorted "Young man, I'm too old a hand to sign anything without reading it."

646 JUSTIFIED

Johnnie was gazing at his one-day-old brother who lay squealing and wailing in his cot.

"Has he come from heaven?" inquired Johnnie.

"Yes, dear"

"No wonder they put him out."

647 GIVE US A COUPLE

Joking Customer: "How much are your four-dollar shoes?"

Smart Salesman. "Two dollars a foot."

648 STORM COMING

Magistrate (to man accused of begging) "What have you to say?"

Prisoner "It wasn't my fault, sir I just held out my hand to see if it was raining and the gent dropped a penny in it."

649 CALL THE MANAGER

"Look here, waiter Is this peach or apple pie?"

"Can't you tell from the taste?"

"No, I can't."

"Well, then, what difference does it make?"

650 AND COLLECT YOUR COMMISSION

"Doctor I want you to look after my office, while I'm on my vacation."

"But I've just graduated, doctor I've had no experience"

"That's all right, my boy My practice is strictly fashionable. Tell the men to play golf and send the lady patients abroad."

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The audience in the college auditorium was impatiently awaiting the appearance of the out-of-town entertainer who was already an hour late. The chairman of the evening fearing the people would leave, scribbled a frantic appeal for help and had it passed down the aisle to Professor B., who was a ready and witty speaker Thinking to break up the stony atmosphere, Professor B. began. I've just received a message asking me to come up here and say something funny "

A young student at the back of the room called loudly "You'll tell us when you say it, won t you?

To which the grave professor made instant reply "I'll tell you the rest will know!"

673 Side Seat Driver

A husband drew his chair beside his wife s sewing machine.

Don't you think you re running too fast? he said. "Look out! You'll sew the wrong seam! Mind that corner now! Slow down, watch your fingers! Steady!"

"What s the matter with you, John?" said his wife, alarmed, "I've been running this machine for years!"

"Well, dear replied her husband, "I thought you might like me to help you, since you help me drive the car

674 Wrong Diagnosis

Doctor "Did you tell that young man I think he is no good?"

Daughter: "Yes, I did, Dad, but he did not seem at all upset. He said it wasn t the first wrong diagnosis you have made.

675 Translated

"I advise you, Madam, instructed the doctor "to take frequent baths, get plenty of fresh air and dress in cool clothes.

"What did the doctor say?" inquired her husband an hour later

Yegg: "*Two fraternity houses, Your Honor.*"

Judge (to Sergeant): "Call up the downtown hotels and distribute the stuff."

660 REVERSE ENGLISH

Teacher: "Correct the sentence, 'Before any damage could be done the fire was put out by the volunteer fire brigade.'"

Boy: "The fire was put out before any damage could be done by the volunteer fire brigade."

661 DEFINITION

"What is an optimist, Daddy?"

"Well, child, he is a fellow who goes into a hotel without baggage and asks to have a check cashed."

662 SENSITIVE

Two men were seated together in a crowded street car. One of them noticed that the other had his eyes closed.

"What's the matter, Bill," he asked, "feeling ill?"

"I'm all right," answered Bill, "but I hate to see ladies standing."

663 ECONOMY

"Jack," said Capt. Angus to his cook, "here's a wee ticket for tonight's conjuring show at the Beacon. Noo, when he comes to that part where he takes a spoonful o' flour and one egg and makes 20 omelettes, watch very closely, laddie."

664 DON'T WAIT

A mistress engaging a new maid said: "Mary, we have breakfast promptly at 8 A.M."

New Maid: "All right, mum. If I ain't down, don't you wait!"

665 ACQUAINTED

Judge: "Have you ever seen the prisoner at the Bar?"

Witness: "Yes, that's where I met him."

666 CITY AND COUNTRY

Amos: "Did you find much difference between the city and the country, Hiram?"

Hiram: "They hain't much difference. In the country you go to bed feeling all in, and you get up feeling fine. In the city you go to bed feeling fine, and you get up feeling all in."

667 NO OBJECTION

Suitor: "I am seeking your daughter's hand, sir. Have you any objection?"

Father: "None at all. Take the one that's always in my pocket."

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Servant: "I want to give notice to leave on the first of next month, ma'am."

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The audience in the college auditorium was impatiently awaiting the appearance of the out-of-town entertainer who was already an hour late. The chairman of the evening, fearing the people would leave, scribbled a frantic appeal for help and had it passed down the aisle to Professor B., who was a ready and witty speaker. Thinking to break up the stony atmosphere, Professor B. began: "I've just received a message asking me to come up here and say something funny."

A young student at the back of the room called loudly: "You'll tell us when you say it, won't you?"

To which the grave professor made instant reply: "I'll tell you; the rest will know!"

673

Back-Seat Driver

A husband drew his chair beside his wife's sewing machine.

"Don't you think you're running too fast?" he said. "Look out! You'll sew the wrong seam! Mind that corner now! Slow down, watch your fingers! Steady!"

"What's the matter with you, John?" said his wife, alarmed. "I've been running this machine for years!"

"Well, dear," replied her husband, "I thought you might like *me* to help *you*, since you help me drive the car."

674

Wrong Diagnosis

Doctor: "Did you tell that young man I think he is no good?"

Daughter: "Yes, I did, Dad, but he did not seem at all upset. He said it wasn't the first wrong diagnosis you have made."

675

Translated

"I advise you, Madam," instructed the doctor, "to take frequent baths, get plenty of fresh air, and dress in cool clothes."

"What did the doctor *say*?" inquired her husband an hour later.

Yegg "Two fraternity houses, Your Honor"

Judge (*to Sergeant*) "Call up the downtown hotels and distribute the stuff"

660 REVERSE ENGLISH

Teacher "Correct the sentence, Before any *damage could* be done the fire was put out by the volunteer fire brigade."

Boy "The fire was put out before any damage could be done by the volunteer fire brigade."

661 DEFINITION

"What is an optimist, Daddy?"

"Well, *child, he is a fellow who goes into a hotel without baggage and* asks to have a check cashed."

662 SENSITIVE

Two men were seated together in a crowded street car One of them noticed that the other had his eyes closed.

"What's the matter Bill" he asked, "feeling ill?"

"*I'm all right*," *answered Bill*, "*but I hate to see ladies standing*"

663 ECONOMY

"Jack," said Capt. Angus to his cook, "here's a wee ticket for tonight's conjuring show at the Beacon Noo when he comes to that part where he takes a spoonful o flour and one egg, and makes 20 omelettes, watch very closely laddie."

664 DON'T WAIT

A mistress engaging a new maid said "Mary we have breakfast promptly at 8 A.M."

New Maid "All right, mum. If I ain't down, don't *you* wait!"

665 ACQUAINTED

Judge "Have you ever seen the prisoner at the Bar?"

Witness "Yes, that's where I met him."

666 CITY AND COUNTRY

Amos "Did you find much difference between the city and the country, Hiram?

Hiram "They hain't *much* difference In the country you go to bed feeling all in, and you get up feeling fine. In the city you go to bed feeling fine, and you get up feeling all in

667 NO OBJECTION

Suitor "I am seeking your daughter's hand, sir Have you any objection?"

Father "*None at all* Take the one that's always in my pocket."

668 NO AMBITION

Servant "I want *to* give notice to leave on the first of next month, ma'am."

Mistress "Why is that? Do you want to better yourself?"

Servant. "Oh, no, ma'am. I want to get married."

She: "Oh, you'd say so even if you didn't think so."
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"He said I ought to go to Atlantic City and then to the mountains," replied his wife. "Also that I must get some new light gowns at once."

676 LOST CAUSE

"They say your daughter has made up her mind to marry a struggling young doctor."

"Well, if she's made up her mind, he might as well stop struggling."

677 THAT'S DIFFERENT

"What is the matter, my little man?" asked a sympathetic stranger to a small boy whom he saw crying.

"Please, sir, my dog's dead," sobbed the boy.

"Well," said the man, "you mustn't make such a trouble of it. My grandmother died last week, and I'm not crying."

"No," said the boy, "but you didn't bring her up from a pup."

678 X MARKS THE SPOT

Gus and Ole, at a Northern fishing resort, rented a hotel boat and found great fishing at a certain spot in a nearby lake, so great that they decided to mark the place and come back for more sport the next day. At the dock Gus said, "Ole did you mark the spot?"

"Yah," replied Ole. "Ay put a chalk mark on this side of the boat."

"Boy, are you dumb!" exclaimed Gus. "Maybe ve von't get the same boat."

679 HER RESPONSIBILITY

There was a terrible crash as the train struck the car. A few seconds later Mr. and Mrs. crawled out of the wreckage. Mrs. opened her mouth to speak, but her husband stopped her. "Don't say a word," he snapped. "I got my end of the car across. You were driving in the back seat, and if you let it get hit it's no fault of mine."

680 MIGHT HAVE BEEN A HICCUP

The tenderfoot thought he could ride, and mounted a pony in front of a lot of cowboys. The pony soon threw him. A cowboy, helping him up, said, "Well! What threw you?"

"What threw me? Why she bucked something fearful! Didn't you see her buck?" cried the tenderfoot.

"Buck!" said the cowboy. "Heck! She only coughed."

681 THE CAD AT EVE

Husband: "If a man steals, no matter what, he will live to regret it."

Wife (coyly): "You used to steal kisses from me before we were married."

Husband: "Well, you heard what I said."

682 WHY WORRY?

Father: "Ned, why are you always at the bottom of your class?"

Ned: "It doesn't really matter, dad. We get the same instruction at both ends of the class."

683 FRANK

He: "You know you are not a bad looking sort of girl."

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"Are you the waiter who took my order?"
"Yes, sir."
"H m, still looking well, I see. How are your grandchildren?"

695 PRESTO!

Teacher was giving a lesson on the weather idiosyncrasies of March. "What is it," she asked, "that comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb?
And little Julia, in the back row, replied "Father"

696 SALT SELLER

A tourist stopped in front of a little country store, dumfounded at the sight of an enormous display of salt piled high on the premises. Stack after stack. Boxes, barrels, bags. Tons of salt, inside the store and out.
"You must sell a lot of salt," exclaimed the tourist.
"No, I don't sell much," replied the storekeeper "But you shoulda seen the guy that came here last week. He *could* really sell salt."

697 WE'RE STILL FRIENDS

Mrs. Jones "I understand you've got your divorce, Sally Did you get any alimony from your husband?"
Laundress "No, Mrs. Jones, but he done give me a first-class reference.

698 THAT'S HIGH GEAR

Traffic Cop "Now Miss, what gear were you in at the time of the accident?"
Demure Miss "Oh, I had on a black beret, tan shoes, and a tweed sports dress."

699 DAY OF DOOM

Flo "I don't intend to be married until I'm thirty"
Rea. "I don't intend to be thirty until I'm married!"

700 SHE'D NO MECHANICAL TASTE

Betty (who has been served with a wing of chicken) "Mother can't I have another bit? This is nothing but hinges."

701 MODERN MODEL

Wife (reading) "It says here they have found sheep in the Himalaya mountains that can run forty miles an hour"
Her Hubby "Well, it would take a lamb like that to follow Mary nowadays."

702 SHH!

A Union Pacific shopman had been drawn on a Federal grand jury and didn't want to serve. When his name was called he asked Judge Pollock to excuse him. "We are very busy at the shops," said he, "and I ought to be there."

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SCHOOL

"Were you copying his paper?"
"No, sir. I was only looking to see if he had mine right."

719
SKATING

1st Frosh: "My, what a skating rink!"
2nd Frosh: "Yes. It has a seating capacity of 5,000."

720
AMAZING

Professor: "What happens when the human body is immersed in water?"
Student: "The telephone rings."

721
LESSER OF TWO EVILS

During the recent flood in the Kentucky lowlands, one family sent its little boy to stay with an uncle in another part of the state, accompanied by a letter explaining the reason for the nephew's sudden and unexpected visit. Two days later the parents received the telegram: "Am returning your boy. Send the flood."

722
ANOTHER VERSION

√Prof. "Mr. Smith, will you tell me why you look at your time-piece so often?"
Smith (suavely): "Yes, sir! I was afraid, sir, that you wouldn't have time to finish your interesting lecture, sir."

723
QUICKLY EXPLAINED

In speaking of the song, "The Bonnie Banks o' Loch Lomond," a country teacher asked his pupils for an explanation of the line, "Ye'll tak' the high road and I'll tak' the low road."
"One was going by air and the other by bus," answered a boy.

724
NEW RECRUIT

"Does the Sergeant know about this?" inquired the Colonel as he surveyed a barricade of sandbags which had just collapsed.
"He ought to," replied a private, "he's underneath!"

725
DISAPPOINTMENT!

"John, dear," said Mrs. Brown, "such an odd thing happened today. The clock fell off the wall, and if it had fallen a moment sooner, it would have hit mother."
"I always said that clock was slow."

726
BREAKING IT GENTLY

"Mrs. Upton's pet dog has been run over; she'll be heartbroken."
"Don't tell her abruptly."
"No, I'll begin by saying it's her husband."

727
DEBTOR OR CREDITOR

"What is a debtor, pa?"
"A man who owes money."

711 GIVE HIM SOME OXYGEN, NURSE

Homely Wife (in hospital) "My husband seems a lot brighter this morning He said he's just longing to get home again."

Nurse "Yes I'm afraid the anesthetic hasn't worn off yet."

712 SAUCE FOR GOOSE AND GANDER

The elderly gentleman's wife was entering a railway carriage, and he neglected to assist her "You are not so gallant, John, as when I was a gal, she exclaimed in gentle rebuke.

"No" was his ready response, "and you are not so buoyant as when I was a boy"

713 GROWLS OF RECOGNITION

While on the bench one day Judge Daniel called a case for trial, and two lawyers appeared as attorneys for the litigants.

"You're a dirty shyster" snarled one of the lawyers to the other "and before this case is through I'll show you up for the crooked ape that you are.

"Sez you," snapped the other "You are a cheat and a liar"

"Come, come,' broke in the judge. "Let the case proceed now that the learned counsel have identified each other"

714 ONE ARM DRIVING BARRED

"I wonder why there are so many more auto wrecks than railway accidents?"

"That's easy Did you ever hear of the fireman hugging the engineer?

715 CALL AN AMBULANCE

"Cup o tea, weak," said a customer at a London coffee stall. When the decoction was brought to him, he eyed it critically

"Well, what's wrong with it? You said weak, didn't you?"

"Weak, yes," was the reply "but not helpless."

716 FINALLY

Diogenes met a World War veteran.

"What were you in the war? he asked.

"A private," the soldier answered.

And Diogenes blew out his lamp and went home.

717 FASHIONS

A man who had been waiting patiently in the post office could not attract the attention of either of the girls behind the counter

"The evening cloak," explained one of the girls to her companion, "was a redingote design in gorgeous lamé brocade with fox fur and wide pagoda sleeves."

At this point the long suffering customer broke in with, "I wonder if you could provide me with a neat purple stamp with a dinky perforated hem. The tout ensemble deliberately treated on the reverse side with mucilage. Something at about 3 cents."

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736
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Sap: "No, just change the oil."

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755

TWO TO ONE

Some few years ago, just after Jimmy Foxx had broken into the regular lineup with the Philadelphia Athletics, the Boston Red Sox came to Philly to play a series. George Moriarty was umpiring behind the plate.

Foxx took two terrific cuts at the first two pitches, and let the third one float by.

"Strike three, you're out," said Moriarty.

Foxx turned indignantly. "You missed that one, George."

"Well, you missed the other two," Moriarty replied. "You're still one up on me."

756

EARNING HIS BIT

The plumber was working and his new assistant was looking on. The latter was learning the trade and this was his first day.

"Say," he inquired, "do you charge for my time?"

"Certainly," was the reply.

"But I haven't done anything."

The plumber had been inspecting the finished job with a lighted candle, which he handed to his helper. "Here," he said, "if you're got to be so conscientious, blow that out!"

757

DUMB TREES

Sonny sat on the lower steps, his face resting in his two chubby hands.

"What's the matter, Sonny?"

"Nothin'—just thinkin'."

"What about?"

"Thinkin' how dumb trees are to take off their clothes in winter and put 'em on in summer."

758

SINISTER CONNOTATION

"I wish you boys wouldn't call me Big Bill."

"Why not?"

"Those college names stick—and I'm going to be a doctor."

759

TOO BAD

Mary had a little lamb
'Twas awful dumb and so
It couldn't tell the red from green
Nor which was stop or go.
It followed her to school one day
A silly thing to do
Was caught between the red and green
And now it's mutton stew.

"Well you see," explained the farmer "some cows is born without horns and never had any and others shed theirs, and some we dehorn, and some breeds ain't supposed to have horns at all. There's a lot of reasons why some cows ain't got horns, but the reason why that cow ain't got horns is because she ain't a cow—she's a horse."

744 LIKEWISE

Conductor "Next station is Long Wait Junction. Change cars for Mauch Chunk, Squeedunk, Quakake and Podunk, Hokendaqua, Catasaqua, Mecanaqua, and Tamaqua."

Green Brakeman (at other end of car) "Same at this end."

745 RAW RECRUIT

Rifle Instructor "Do you know where you are aiming?

New Recruit "No, sir I'm a stranger in this district."

746 CORPSE

Mathematics Teacher "Robert, can you tell me what is meant by a polygon?"

Robert (a freshman) "I guess it means a parrot that's died, doesn't it?"

747 SPEED

Man "Say conductor can't you run any faster than this?"

Conductor "Yes, I can, but I have to stay in the car"

748 EASILY PLEASED

Father "Remember son beauty is only skin deep."

Son " 'Sdeep enough for me. I ain't no cannibal."

749 DO AS I SAY ETC.

Student (to Prof) "What's that you wrote on my paper?"

Prof I told you to write plainer"

750 ONE ADVANTAGE OF IRRIGATION

Customer "Say this hair restorer you sold me didn't grow one hair on my head"

Barber "Mebbe not, but it has a nice cooling effect when it runs down around your ears, hasn't it?"

751 STATISTICS

Office Boy "I et six eggs for breakfast this morning."

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752 BITING

Game Warden "Are the fish biting today?"

Weary Angler "I don't know If they are, they're biting e

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An example of youthful pessimism was provided by a little colored boy who was about to start on a railway journey. It was the first time he had ever traveled alone, and his mother told him to write his name and address on a card and keep it in his pocket. He wrote: "In case of accident, dis was Johnny Jones."

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Some few years ago, just after Jimmy Foxx had broken into the regular lineup with the Philadelphia Athletics, the Boston Red Sox came to Philly to play a series. George Moriarty was umpiring behind the plate.

Foxx took two terrific cuts at the first two pitches, and let the third one float by.

"Strike three, you're out," said Moriarty.

Foxx turned indignantly. "You missed that one, George."

"Well, you missed the other two," Moriarty replied. "You're still one up on me."

756 EARNING HIS BIT

The plumber was working and his new assistant was looking on. The latter was learning the trade and this was his first day.

"Say," he inquired, "do you charge for my time?"

"Certainly," was the reply.

"But I haven't done anything."

The plumber had been inspecting the finished job with a lighted candle, which he handed to his helper. "Here," he said, "if you've got to be so conscientious, blow that out!"

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Sonny sat on the lower steps, his face resting in his two chubby hands.

"What's the matter, Sonny?"

"Nothin'—just thinkin'."

"What about?"

"Thinkin' how dumb trees are to take off their clothes in winter and put 'em on in summer."

758 SINISTER CONNOTATION

"I wish you boys wouldn't call me Big Bill."

"Why not?"

"Those college names stick—and I'm going to be a doctor."

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'Twas awful dumb and so
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It followed her to school one day
A silly thing to do
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Student: "To whom was Minerva married?"

Professor: "My boy, when will you learn that Minerva was the Goddess of Wisdom? She wasn't married."

769 NUT SHELL

Student: "Yes, sir; I always carry my notes in my hat."

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Son: "Not with such a straight face as you can, father."

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The squad of recruits had been out to the rifle range for their first try at marksmanship. They knelt at 250 yards and fired. Not a hit. They moved up to 200 yards. Not a hit. They tried at 100 yards. Not a hit.

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Draftee: "Was that your new girl I saw you with last night?"

Regular: "No, just the old one painted over."

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Scotch Broth
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Cup Custard
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"Give me a chicken salad," said the man in a suburban restaurant.

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776 MOUNTAIN GUIDE

Be careful not to fall here. It's dangerous. But if you do fall, remember to look to the left. You get a wonderful view on that side.

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Chinese patient (on telephone) "Doctor what time you fixee teeth for me!"
Doc. "Two-thirty—all right?"
Chinese "Yes, tooth hurty all right, but what time you fixee?

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A minister was known by a few of his parishioners to be fond of Cherry Brandy and one of them in a mischievous frame of mind offered to present him with a bottle on condition that it was fully acknowledged in the next issue of the Church Magazine. The offer was promptly accepted and in due course the notice appeared in the magazine "The Vicar thanks Mr McTavish for his gift of fruit and the spirit in which it was given."

762 ONE DRAWBACK

Tom "How do you like your new job selling on the road?"
Harry "Oh, it s dandy You meet some fine fellows at the hotels and have lots of fun in the evenings, but what I don t like is calling on those jobbers every day"

√763 OBSERVANT

"Mother I'm the best looking boy in Sunday School"
"Why Tommy! Who told you that?"
"Nobody mother Nobody didn t have to tell me. I saw all the rest of em."

764 THERE MUST HAVE BEEN SEVERAL

A Civil War veteran had spent a week at a New York hotel. When he went to pay his bill the clerk asked
"What was your rank?"
"Oh just a private" the old soldier replied
"Well, I won t charge you anything You are the first private I ever met.

765 LEFT IN DOUBT

Policeman (after the collision) You saw this lady driving toward you. Why didn t you give her the road?"
Motorist "I was going to as soon as I could discover which half she wanted"

766 A BREAK FOR THE BIRDS

After a day s shooting in India a young Englishman who was a poor shot said to his Indian attendant I did not do so well today
"Oh, the young sahib shot very well very well indeed, said the diplomatic Hindu, "but God was very merciful to the birds

767 WHAT GOES UP

It seems that one of the boys in Army maneuvers in Texas came floating into camp near the Davis Mountains When he was brought to the officer's tent, slightly bruised, he was told You ve got real nerve to come down in a parachute with this 100-mile wind blowing That s dangerous!"
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Judge to Prisoner: "Say, when were you born?"
(No reply)
Judge "I say when was your birthday?"
Prisoner (sullenly) "Wot do you care? You ain't gonner give me nothin'?"

795 BACK IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

"Crop failures?" asked the old timer

"Yep, I've seen a few of 'em in my days. Now in 1884 the corn crop was purt nigh nothing We cooked some for dinner one day and paw ate fourteen acres of corn at one meal!"

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He "Meet me at the Waldorf Astoria at eight."
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"Oh, yes," chorused the boys.

"And why was it nicer?" he asked a chubby-faced boy

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Momma (singing). "By low, my baby."
Poppa: "That's right; you tell him to buy low and I'll teach him to sell high."

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Traffic Cop: "Use your noodle, lady! Use your noodle!"
Lady: "My goodness! Where is it? I've pushed and pulled everything in the car."

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Joan. "John, dear your office is on Broad Street, isn't it?"
John. "Yes, w..."
Joan. "Th... I told that to Daddy and he said he'd been looking you up in b...

853 CHRONIC KNOCKER

"Any... with the car?"
"W... e part of it that doesn't make a noise and that's the horn...

8... PRINCIPLES ARE PRINCIPAL

... suddenly the neighbors were shocked, and a kindly ... comfort William's wife by describing his good points. ... of principle," said the neighbor
... to know it? said the bereaved woman. "Every ... come home and place his pay envelope in front of ... ? Not a night did he miss all the time we were ...

... it was always empty but look at the principle of the ...

855 INSTINCTIVE

Custo... e back to buy that car you showed me yesterday"
Salesman. ... me, I thought you'd be back. Now tell me what the dominant ... that made you decide to buy this car?
Customer: "My ... , sir.

856 UNANIMOUS

Warden: "Boys, I've had charge of this prison for ten years a... to celebrate the occasion. What kind of party would you suggest?
Prisoners (in unison) "Open house.

857 WHAT THEY THINK

What they think when little Oswald starts to school for the first ti...
His mother "Just think, my little darling is almost grown up."
His father: "I hope he makes a fullback."
His older sister "That means I've got to walk to school wit... go to school with the kids.
His teacher: "I hope he's smarter than he looks.
His neighbors: "Thank heaven! Now we can have p... a day
His dog "Yo-o-ow-l-l-l.

858 A MATTER OF CONVENTION

Teacher "Why does the cream rise to the top
Johnny: "So the people can get it."

Ca... to ... mothe... "I ha... California... "So I drag... tires, and the break...

857 Two elderly men ... swindler. "Well what do you ...

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844 ROCK OF AGES

"What is the mortar board I hear mentioned so often?" asked the little girl.

"I'll try to explain," said Miss Cayenne, "although it is a slightly complicated matter A mortar board carried by a builder often has cement on top and worn by a college professor often has concrete under it."

845 ALL SEWED UP

"John, I found this letter in your coat pocket this morning I gave it to you a month ago to mail."

"Yes, dear, I remember I took that coat off for you to sew a button on and I'm still waiting"

846 A LITTLE WIDER, PLEASE

Judge (*in dentist chair*): "*Do you swear that you will pull the tooth, the whole tooth, and nothing but the tooth?*"

847 DEAD LETTER BARITONE

"Yessah, Ah's a great singah."

"Wheah did you-all learn to sing?"

"Ah graduated from a correspondence school."

"Boy you sho lost lots of yo' mail."

848 SUCCESS

Bride "I cooked my first meal last night—it was a grand success."

Visitor "How nice!"

Bride "Yes, he's going to get me a cook right away"

849 WHEN WORDS FAIL

The golfer stepped up to the tee and drove off The ball sailed straight down the fairway leaped onto the green and rolled into the hole. The golfer threw his club in the air with excitement.

"What have you suddenly gone crazy about?" asked his wife, who was trying to learn something about the game.

"Why I just did a hole in one," yelled the golfer a wild gleam of delight in his eyes.

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850 OH YOU CALIFORNIA!

83 Millionaire Jones was recalling the struggles of his youth. "I was living in
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Th ve enough money to buy myself a bicycle when my father wrote that my
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"Wheah did you-all learn to sing?"

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Visitor: "How nice!"

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"Did you?" asked his wife placidly. "Do it again, dear. I didn't see you."

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The bachelor wrote and in a few days received the following note: "Your letter came too late. I am now married and have four children."

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A very dull play was talked of, and one attempted a defense by saying, "It was not hissed."

"True," said another, "no one can hiss and yawn at the same time."

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Filling-station Attendant. "Here comes another I W W customer"

Patron "What's that?"

Attendant. "A motorist who wants only Information, Wind and Water

915 ANOTHER SCOTCH STORY

"How much are your peaches?"

"Penny each, lady"

"I'll have one, please."

"Givin a party?"

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The vicar awarding prizes at the local dog show, was scandalized at the costumes worn by some members of the younger fair sex.

"Look at that youngster" said he; "the one with cropped hair, the cigarette and breeches, holding two pups. Is it a boy or a girl?"

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"My dear sir!" The vicar was flustered. "Do forgive me. I would never have been so outspoken had I known you were her father"

"I'm not," said the other "I'm her mother"

917 ALPINE JOURNEY

"Does the giraffe get sore throat if he gets wet feet?"

"Yes, but not until the next week."

918 CANINE ERUDITION

"Lay down, pup; lay down," ordered the man. "Good doggie—lay down, I say"

"You'll have to say 'Lie down, mister" declared a small bystander "That's a Boston terrier"

919 PRIMITIVE CELLOPHANE

Teacher "Robert, explain what are the functions of the skin."

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"Have you formed or expressed an opinion?"
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"So you want to try that proofreader job, eh?"
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"Yes, sir when you make a mistake, I take all the blame."

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Teacher: "Can anyone tell me what causes trees to become petrified?"
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Manager: "You're wrong. It's the poorhouse tomorrow."

950 BELOW PAR

Ned: "What did Miss Petite say after you kissed her?"
Ted: "She told me to call on Friday hereafter because that was Amateur Night."

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"Do we have to wait very much longer for mummy, Daddy?
"No, not now. They've just taken the last pair of shoes out of the window.

952 COURTEOUS RETORT

Operator: "Pardon me, madam, but your girl seems more than twelve."
Her Mother: "Operator, would you take me to be the mother of a girl that age?"
Operator: "Lady, don't tell me you're her grandmother!"

953 COMMON FAILING

Mother: "Do you know what happens to little girls who tell lies?"
Small Betty: "Yes, they grow up and tell their little girls they'll get curly hair if they eat their spinach."

954 THE BIGGEST HEAD

A Sunday-school teacher had been telling her class of boys about the crowns of glory they might wear in the hereafter.
"Now, boys," she said, "can you tell me who will get the biggest crown?"
"Yes, mum," said one of the pupils. "Him wot's got the biggest head!"

955 COMPLIMENT

Stout lady (at a street crossing): "Officer, could you see me across the street?"
Officer (inclined to flattery): "Why, Ma'm, I could see you a mile off."

956 NEW JOB

"I've got a new job, so I can't do yo' washin' no mo'."
"What is it, Mandy?"
"My new job is dat I can't work. I'se on relief."

957 STRENGTH

On a certain Sunday morning the pastor of a Negro congregation noticed that an old face had reappeared among his flock, and after the sermon made it a point to welcome the supposedly repentant backslider.
"This is the first time I have seen you at church for a long time," he said. "I'm sho'ly glad to see you here."

"Ah done had to come," explained Rastus. "Ah needs strengthenin. I've got a job whitewashin' a chicken coop and buildin' a fence aroun' a watermelon patch."

958 HARM

It was during the impaneling of a jury that the following colloquy occurred.
"You are a property holder?"
"Yes, your Honor."
"Married or single?"
"I have been married five years, your Honor."
"Have you formed or expressed an opinion?"
"Not in five years, your Honor."

959 RIGHT

"So you want to try that proofreader job, eh?"
"Yes, sir."
"And do you understand all the responsibility attached to it?"
"Yes, sir, when you make a mistake, I take all the blame."

960 UNNATURAL HISTORY

Teacher: "Can anyone tell me what causes trees to become petrified?"
Bright Student: "The wind makes them rock."

961 NO END

"Mamma," said Maud, "what is an ultimatum?"
"I don't know exactly," was the reply. "But judging from the way it is used in diplomatic correspondence I should say it was modern Latin for 'to be continued in our next.'"

962 PARTNERSHIP

Mose: "Does yo' wife take in washin'?"
Rastus: "Ah should say not. Ah takes it in an' Ah takes it out. All she does is stay home an' wash it."

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"Darling, big girls that are nearly five never whisper before company."
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"In a case like this," answered the other "good works would evidently have answered the purpose better."

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Customer: "Are these eggs fresh?

Grocer: "Fresh! Why the hens haven't missed them yet."

976 LUCID INTERVALS

An American film actress was applying for a passport.

"Unmarried? asked the clerk.

"Occasionally," answered the actress.

977 ALIBI IKE

Bobby: "Mamma, what is a 'Second-Story Man'?

Mrs. Joe Bungstarter: "Your father's one. If I don't believe his first story, he always has another one ready

978 LONG, LONG TRAIL

The chief objection to the school of experience is that you never finish the post-graduate courses, says an exchange.

When you graduate from that school, brother, your diploma is a tombstone.

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Teacher (to bring out the idea of size): "Mention a difference between an elephant and a flea."

Tommy: "Well, an elephant can have fleas, but a flea can't have elephants."

980 STRICTLY ORIGINAL BLUNDERING

Teacher: "Did your father help you with the problem?"

Willie: "No, I got it wrong myself."

981 PENALTY OF BEING ADORED

First Guy: "She treats her husband like a Grecian god."

Second Guy: "How's that?"

First Guy: "She places a burnt offering before him at every meal."

982 DOWN AND OUT

The aviation instructor having delivered a lecture on parachute work, concluded.

"And if it doesn't open—well, gentlemen, that's what is known as 'jumping to a conclusion.'"

983 BOBBY'S LITTLE WEAKNESS

A city girl visiting her uncle on the farm was watching a cow chewing her cud.

"Pretty fine cow that," said her uncle as he came by

"Yes," said the girl, "but doesn't it cost a lot to keep her in chewing gum?"

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Chloe Johnson: "Lan' sake, no, mum! It was Labor Day wedded to de Day of Rest!"

1011 Short Circuit

An electrician returned home from work one night to find his small son waiting for him with his right hand swathed in a bandage.

"Hello, sonny!" he exclaimed. "Cut your hand?"

"No, Dad," was the reply. "I picked up a pretty little fly and one end wasn't insulated."

1012 Thumbs Down Slightly

Children have their own peculiar way of expressing themselves.

"Well, Peggy," said the neighbor, "and how do you like your new governess?"

Peggy thought a moment and then said, "I half like her and I half don't like her, but I think I half don't like her the most."

1013 Actual Stew

"Do you summer in the country?"

"No, I simmer in the city."

1014 Job for the Iceman

Bride: "I made this pudding all by myself."

Hubby: "Splendid! But who helped you lift it out of the oven?"

1015 Early Bird Variety

"Is your husband a bookworm?"

"No, just an ordinary one."

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The young bride was asked what she thought of married life.

"Oh, there's not much difference," she replied. "I used to wait up half the night for George to go, and now I wait up half the night for him to come home."

1017 The Worst Boom

When the president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce was asked recently how the depression had hit Los Angeles, he replied, "Depression? We have no depression in Los Angeles, but I will admit that we are having the worst boom in many, many years."

1018 Cheering Decoration

Real Estate Agent: "Well, what do you think of our little city?"

Prospect: "I'll tell you, brother. This is the first cemetery I ever saw with lights."

He idly asked the cook, "How do you like the refrigerator?"
"I like it fine," she said. "I open the door and it cools off the whole kitchen.

1002 FASHION NOTES

"Anna Mae," said the mistress of the house, finally giving way to curiosity, "I notice you have been taking our empty grapefruit hulls home with you. Do you mind telling me what you do with them?"
"Yes m," the maid admitted, "I been takin em 'cause I think they make my garbage look so stylish."

1003 CALL AN AMBULANCE

"Waiter are you sure this ham was cured?"
"Yes, sir"
"Well, it's had a relapse."

1004 INN LUCK OR INN DUTCH

"Why don't you give your new bungalow a name? Something appropriate. Other people do. There's 'Seldom Inn, 'Walk Inn, 'Cosy Inn, and a lot of others."
"That's an idea. As I've just finished paying for it, I'll name it All Inn

1005 WHAT PRICE "K"?

Mother (teaching alphabet) "Now, dear, what comes after O?"
Child "Yeah!"

1006 MOM WAS NO PROPHET

When supper was served Helen refused a second helping of ice cream with a polite but wistful, "No, thank you!"
"Do have some more, dear!" her hostess urged.
"Mother told me to say 'No, thank you,'" Helen explained naively, "but I don t think she could have known how small that first helping was going to be!"

1007 SUPER SERVICE

Speaking of banks, there was an Irishman who opened an account, his first. At the end of the month he got a statement, which meant absolutely nothing to him, but he was delighted to receive his checks.
"Sure, an it s a smart bank I'm after dealin with," he told a pal.
"Is it that now?" was the rejoinder
"Faith, an it is. Them fellers was smart enough to get every one av me checks back for me."

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Hub "Delicious! Did you buy it yourself?"

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"Pop, will I look like you when I grow up?"
"Everybody seems to think so, son."
"Well, I won't have to grow up for a long time, will I Pop?"

1024 ACCREDITED DELEGATE

"Who will help a man to correct personality defects if not his wife?" asks a heart-throb editor

Well, sister, there is his wife's mother

1025 LETS HIM DO HIS STUFF

"What! Another new dress? How ever do you think I can find the money to pay for it?"

"Darling, you know I'm not inquisitive."

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Diner: "Waiter! This stew is terrible. What kind is it?"

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1111 VEGETARIANS

"Ever bothered with tramps out your way?"

"No, I have a sign on the gate reading: 'We are vegetarians, but our dog isn't.'"

1112 A RAISE WAS NECESSARY

Bookkeeper: "I'll have to have a raise, sir: there are three other companies after me."

Employer: "Is that so? What companies?"

Bookkeeper: "Light, phone and gas."

1113 COLORFUL WRITING

The native student, writing a letter to the superintendent of the mission, desired to end with the words: "May Heaven preserve you."

Not being quite confident of the meaning of "preserve," he looked it up in a dictionary. When the letter reached the superintendent, it ended with the words: "And may Heaven pickle you."

1114 THE WRONG TIME

One night, as a messenger from the office of an evening paper was passing along the ways on the banks of the river, he heard the sound of someone struggling in the water.

"Are you drowning?" he shouted.

"I am," replied a feeble voice from the water.

"What a pity!" said the lad consolingly. "You are just too late for the last edition tonight. But cheer up: you'll have a nice little paragraph all to yourself in the morning."

1115 OBSTINATE

The clergyman was walking through the village when he met one of his parishioners.

"How's your cold, Donald?" he asked.

"Verra obstinate," replied the parishioner.

"And how is your wife?"

"About the same."

1116 WILD OATS AND RYE

Mother: "After all, he's only a boy, and boys will sow their wild oats."

Father: "Yes, but I wouldn't mind if he didn't mix so much rye with it."

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1126 THE TIDE AND THE UNTIED

Inquiring Schoolboy: "Dad, what effect does the moon have on the tide?"
Dad (from the depths of his newspaper) "Not any son. Only on the untied."

1127 FIVE MEN ON A HORSE

Beta (at riding academy) "I wish to rent a horse."
Groom "How long?"
Beta "The longest you've got, there will be five of us going"

1128 WITHOUT ASKING QUESTIONS

A doctor was called in to see a very testy aristocrat. "Well, sir, what's the matter?" he asked cheerfully

"That, sir" snapped the patient, "is for you to find out."

"I see," said the doctor thoughtfully "Well if you'll excuse me for an hour or so, I'll go along and fetch a friend of mine—a veterinarian. He's the only chap I know who can make a diagnosis without asking questions."

1129 TREES TO A GOLFER POET

"I think that I shall never see a hazard rougher than a tree—a tree o'er which my ball must fly if on the green it is to lie· a tree which stands that green to guard and makes the shots extremely hard, a tree whose leafy arms extend, to kill the mashie shot I send a tree that stands in silence there, while angry golfers rave and swear Niblicks were made for *fools* like me, who cannot ever miss a tree."

1130 HE KNEW THE ANSWERS

A member of a psych class on tour asked an inmate his name.

"George Washington," was the reply

"But," said the perplexed lad, "last time we were here you were Abraham Lincoln."

"That," said the inmate sadly, "was by my first wife."

1131 DID SHE ASK FOR THIS?

Woman Political Speaker "What is home without a mother?"
Man in the Back Row· "Your baby!"

1132 THE SERGEANT AND THE ROOKIE

"Com-pa-nee atten-shun," bawled the drill sergeant to the awkward squad. "Com-pa-nee, lift your left leg and hold it straight in front of you."

By mistake one member held up his right leg, which brought it out side by side with his neighbor's left leg.

"And who is the galoot over there holding up both legs?" shouted the hard-boiled sergeant.

1133 COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENSE RESTS

A case was being heard in court in which a farmer was claiming indemnity for a cow killed by a railway train. Counsel for the defense put many tedious and superfluous questions.

"Was the cow on the track?" he asked the engineer.

The engineer had had about enough. He replied: "No, of course not. She was in a field half a mile away. But when it saw her the engine left the rails, jumped the fence, and chased her across the field and up a tree. There it strangled her to death."

1134 STRAIGHT TO THE POINT

During the progress of a law suit a witness was on the stand for cross-examination regarding the character and habits of the defendant. "I believe you testified a little while ago," began the counsel for the plaintiff, "that Mr. Smith, defendant in this case, has a reputation for being very lazy and personally incompetent."

"No, sir; no, sir," protested the witness. "I didn't say that. What I said was he changed jobs pretty often, that he seemed to get tired of work very quickly."

"Has he or has he not a reputation in the community for being lazy?" persisted the lawyer.

"Well, sir, I don't want to do the gentleman any injustice, and I don't go so far as to say he is lazy; but it's the general impression around the community that if it required any voluntary and sustained exertion on his part to digest his food, he would have died years ago from lack of nourishment."

1135 STREAMLINED

A young woman walked into a railroad ticket office in Chicago and asked for a ticket to New York. "Do you wish to go by Buffalo?" asked the ticket agent. "Certainly not!" she replied, "I want to go by train."

1136 WORRIED ABOUT HIS FUTURE

Joe: "You look down-hearted, old man. What are you worried about?"

Bill: "My future."

Joe: "What makes your future seem so hopeless?"

Bill: "My past."

1137 THE POOR ANIMAL

When Mrs. Berg's expensive new fur coat was delivered to her home, she fondled it ecstatically for a time, and then looked sad for a moment.

"What's the matter, aren't you satisfied with it?" inquired her husband.

"Yes," she answered, "but I feel so sorry for the poor thing that was skinned."

"Thanks," said Mr. Berg.

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Give 'em More Time

1157 "Have you any children, Mr. Smith?"

"Yes—three.

"Do they live at home with you?"

"Not one of them—They are not married, yet."

Why It Can't Be Done

1158 Boy: "But they say, dear, that two can live as cheaply as one."

Girl: "That may be so, darling, but it'll take something for mother."

Good Philosophy

1159 One day on my asking him why he took such long steps in walking a Scotch friend of mine replied "When I was a wee lad me Mither used to say to me, 'Laddie, when ye're a walkin' ye should take longer steps an' wear yer brogs the less the mile.

Clock Watcher

1160 Mr. Jones: Say, did you hear about Jim getting drowned?

Mrs. Jones: No, couldn't he swim?

Mr. Jones: Yes, but he belonged to the union. He swam eight hours and then quit.

Magic

1161 A little girl went into a large business establishment, and had her first ride in an elevator. "How did you like it?" asked her father.

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Orders

1162 Joe: "I traveled as a salesman the entire summer and only received two orders.

Sympathetic one: "Too bad; who gave you those?

Joe: "Every one—Get out, and stay out!"

Completely Outfitted

1163 Visitor (speaking of little boy): "He has his mother's eyes."

Mother: "And his father's mouth."

Child: "And his brother's trousers.

Just a Small Error

1164 Three piano-movers knocked on the door of a house. A meek-looking man with an inferiority complex opened the door.

Kiss him, he won't bite you, child·
All them golfing guys look wild."

Boardwalk Illustrated News

1150 SAME FELLOW

The guide was showing the tourist the sights of Italy He said, "Now here is the Leaning Tower of Pisa." The tourist said, "I didn't get the name. The guide repeated, "This is the Leaning Tower of Pisa." The tourist answered, "I still don't recognize the name, but it looks like the work of the contractor who built my garage."

1151 IT HAS TO BE HEARD

A musical critic wrote: "Here is Tchaikovsky at his best. Music so beautiful it has to be heard to be appreciated."

A lot of music is like that.

1152 A FRESH START

The famous Colonel Page of Civil War days, having been given the command of a company of raw recruits, put them through a preparatory drill, and then led them down a street in Philadelphia.

Suddenly from out of the ranks, came the command, "Halt!"

Involuntarily the men came to a stop.

"Who gave that command?" yelled the enraged colonel.

"Potts, sir Potts," answered a dozen voices.

"What do you mean, sir, by giving that command?" the colonel profanely inquired.

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1153 UP ON HIS HYBRIDS

Little Jimmy age four was looking at a picture book. When he came to a picture of a zebra, mother asked him what animal that was.

Jimmy thought a moment, then replied, "That's a cow that ate hybrid corn.

1154 NO OBJECTION

It was the young man's first visit to the home of his adored one, and h seemed to be making a very good impression

"Have you any objection to a whisky-and-soda?" asked his prospective father in-law

"Well," replied the young man, "I've never had one before."

The father stared "What, never had a whisky-and-soda?"

"No, sir· never had an objection."

1155 TROUBLED HIM JUST ONCE

Doctor· Have you ever had trouble with dyspepsia?
Patient: Only once.
Doctor· And when was that?
Patient· When I tried to spell it.

1156 PAID IN FULL

A country doctor called upon a widow soon after the death of her husband, and announced his intention of cutting his bill, for services rendered, in half. With tears in her eyes, the old lady reached out and clasped the doctor's hand and in a trembling voice said, "God bless you, my good friend. I'll be as good as you and knock off the other half."

1157 GIVE 'EM MORE TIME

"Have you any children, Mr. Smith?"

"Yes—three."

"Do they live at home with you?"

"Not one of them—They are not married, yet."

1158 WHY IT CAN'T BE DONE

Boy: "But they say, dear, that two can live as cheaply as one."

Girl: "That may be so, darling, but it'll take something for mother."

1159 GOOD PHILOSOPHY

One day on my asking him why he took such long steps in walking a Scotch friend of mine replied, "When I was a wee lad me Mither used to say to me, 'Laddie, when ye're a walkin' ye should take longer steps an' wear yer brogs the less the mile.'"

1160 CLOCK WATCHER

Mr. Jones: Say, did you hear about Jim getting drowned?

Mrs. Jones: No, couldn't he swim?

Mr. Jones: Yes, but he belonged to the union. He swam eight hours and then quit.

1161 MAGIC

A little girl went into a large business establishment, and had her first ride in an elevator. "How did you like it?" asked her father.

"Why, it was so funny," answered the child. "We went into a little house, and the upstairs came down."

1162 ORDERS

Joe: "I traveled as a salesman the entire summer and only received two orders."

Sympathetic one: "Too bad, who gave you those?"

Joe: "Every one—Get out, and stay out!"

1163 COMPLETELY OUTFITTED

Visitor (speaking of little boy): "He has his mother's eyes."

Mother: "And his father's mouth."

Child: And his brother's trousers.

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"No, sir [illegible] undoubtedly "

1155 TACT

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Efficiency

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The department store engaged an efficiency expert, whose obsess[illegible] was to move the departments to different parts of the store every day. (One day a section would be on the top floor, the next it would be in the base[illegible]ment, and on the third it would be placed where the restaurant had been.

After three weeks of this an old lady approached a harass[illegible] [illegible]walker and asked him if he could tell her where the draperies departm[illegible] was.

"No, madam," he said wearily, "but if you'll stand here for a few minutes I'm sure you'll see it go by!"

Reincarnation

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He (otherwise): "Think about it? I eat it nearly every day, only we call it hash."

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1261 By the time father gets the vacation bills paid, it is time to think about Christmas presents.

1262 The first sandwich was said to have been made in the 17th century. Replicas of the original are exhibited in glass cases at all railway stations.

1263 Only possible reason we can see why old fools are the biggest fools is because they have had more practice.

1264 Nowadays a real football fan is one who knows the nationality of every man on the All-American team.

1265 Friends are folks who excuse you when you have made a fool of yourself.

1266 One view of an athletic man is the fellow who hires a small boy to cut the grass so he can play golf and obtain a little exercise.

1267 All the Constitution guarantees is the pursuit of happiness. You have to catch up with it yourself.

1268 An honest confession is good for the soul, but bad for the reputation.

1269 Humor like history repeats itself.

1270 If Adam came back to earth, the only thing he'd recognize would be the jokes.

1271 Note to hunters: If it stands on its hind legs, and has a pipe in its mouth, it isn't a squirrel.

1272 Trimming expenses is a Government's last resort when the tax-payers can stand no more trimming.—*Arkansas Gazette*

1273 The fellow who thinks himself a wit is usually half right.

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1256 The region north of the ears is the greatest unemployed area in the world.

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1298 A sharp tongue and a dull mind are usually found in the same head.

1299 The character of a man is his principles drawn out and woven into himself.

1300 It is better to remain silent and appear a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt.

1301 An optimist is one who makes the best of it when he gets the worst of it.

1302 Defeat is for those who acknowledge it.

1303 Get your happiness out of your work or you may never know what happiness is.—*Elbert Hubbard*

1304 A failure is a man who is unable to cash in his experiences.—*Elbert Hubbard.*

1305 Don't feel sorry for yourself—feel sorry for the folks who have to live with you.—*Elbert Hubbard.*

1306 Common sense is the ability to detect values.

1307 The meanest habit in the world is that of self-pity

1308 Our grandchildren are going to have a hard time paying for the good times we didn't have.

1276 Benjamin Franklin wrote "Only two things in this life are certain—death and taxes." What the taxpayer resents is that they don't come in that order —*Punch (London)*

1277 When you see a married couple coming down the street, the one who is two or three steps ahead is the one that's mad.

1278 Headline "Husband Leaves in Midst of Wife's Bridge Party: Disappears" Just a fugitive from the chin gang —*Atlanta Journal*

1279 *The Survey* tells of the young daughter of a radio announcer who, called upon to say grace at a family dinner bowed her head and said in loud clear tones, "This food comes to us through the courtesy of Almighty God."—*Christian Register*

1280 "An old fowl was recently discovered to have two hearts."—*News Item* Sounds like the bridge partner I had last week.—*Smith's Weekly (Australia)*

1281 Indians on a Western reservation are reported to be showing symptoms of uneasiness. Maybe some one has been telling them that the whites want to give the country back to them.—*Buffalo Evening News*

1282 Lee Shippey of the Los Angeles *Times* has a head-line "How To Tell Ladies From Men Now that Both Wear Pants." That ought to be easy The one that is listening is the man.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*

1283 Liberalism may be coming into the churches, but it hasn't reached the contribution boxes yet.

1284 There's a bright side to everything, but there's no joy when it's on your blue serge suit.

1285 Among all the nations, we certainly play a loan hand.

1286 When people remove their bills from the envelopes, economic conditions are getting better

1287 If the milk business ever becomes a public utility we suppose that will make a cow a holding company

1288 One nice thing about spending an evening at home is that you never have to redeem your hat after it's over

1289 When men wear their Christmas neckties, business conditions are really bad.

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1298 A sharp tongue and a dull mind are usually found in the same head.

1299 The character of a man is his principles drawn out and woven into himself.

1300 It is better to remain silent and appear a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt.

1301 An optimist is one who makes the best of it when he gets the worst of it.

1302 Defeat is for those who acknowledge it.

1303 Get your happiness out of your work or you may never know what happiness is.—*Elbert Hubbard*

1304 A failure is a man who is unable to cash in his experiences.—*Elbert Hubbard*.

1305 Don't feel sorry for yourself—feel sorry for the folks who have to live with you.—*Elbert Hubbard*.

1306 Common sense is the ability to detect values.

1307 The meanest habit in the world is that of self-pity

1308 Our grandchildren are going to have a hard time paying for the good times we didn't have.

1276 Benjamin Franklin wrote "Only two things in this life are certain—death and taxes." What the taxpayer resents is that they don't come in that order —*Punch* (*London*)

1277 When you see a married couple coming down the street, the one who is two or three steps ahead is the one that's mad.

1278 Headline: "Husband Leaves in Midst of Wife's Bridge Party: Disappears." Just a fugitive from the chin gang —*Atlanta Journal*

1279 *The Survey* tells of the young daughter of a radio announcer who, called upon to say grace at a family dinner bowed her head and said in loud clear tones, "This food comes to us through the courtesy of Almighty God."—*Christian Register*

1280 "An old fowl was recently discovered to have two hearts."—*News Item* Sounds like the bridge partner I had last week.—*Smith's Weekly* (*Australia*)

1281 Indians on a Western reservation are reported to be showing symptoms of uneasiness. Maybe some one has been telling them that the whites want to give the country back to them.—*Buffalo Evening News*

1282 Lee Shippey of the Los Angeles *Times* has a head-line "How To Tell Ladies From Men Now that Both Wear Pants." That ought to be easy The one that is listening is the man.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*

1283 Liberalism may be coming into the churches, but it hasn't reached the contribution boxes yet.

1284 There's a bright side to everything, but there's no joy when it's on your blue serge suit.

1285 Among all the nations, we certainly play a loan hand.

1286 When people remove their bills from the envelopes, economic conditions are getting better

1287 If the milk business ever becomes a public utility we suppose that will make a cow a holding company

1288 One nice thing about spending an evening at home is that you never have to redeem your hat after it's over

1289 When men wear their Christmas neckties, business conditions are really bad.

1290 After the government takes enough to balance the budget, the citizen has the job of budgeting the balance.

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1309 Any idea a college professor has about money is almost certain to be theoretical.—*Grand Rapids Press*

1310 You can't fool all of the people all the time, but somebody is trying it all the time.—*Savannah Morning News*

1311 "It can be done" is good, but "it's done" is better

1312 Talent knows *what* to do, tact knows *how* to do it.

1313 Talent makes a man *respectable* tact makes him *respected* Talent is *wealth* tact is *ready money*

1314 He is a well-known lecturer In fact, he takes an annual boast to boast tour

1315 The hen is the only animal in Nature that can lay around and make money

1316 No sooner do they get the athletes off the gridiron than they begin putting the coaches on the pan

1317 And now and then a collision occurs when two motorists go after the same pedestrian.

1318 A nickel isn't supposed to be as good as a dollar but it goes to church more often.

1319 We are inclined to agree with the Connecticut newspaper which affirms that Barnum never said of suckers, "One is born every minute." The great showman seldom was guilty of understatement.

1320 What this country needs, in fact what the whole world needs, is to settle up and settle down.

1321 The main thing we have learned from our short-wave set is that nearly every country in the world is full of sopranos.

1322 Law gives the pedestrian the right of way but makes no provision for flowers.

1323 You can't fool all the people all the time, but it isn't necessary A majority will do.

1324 Physician recommends for the middle-aged light exercise and a siesta each day Daily dozen and daily dozing

1325 "Those who have hobbies rarely go crazy" asserts a psychiatrist. Yeah but what about those who have to live with those who have *hobbies?*

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1361 An ash tray is something to put cigarette ashes in when the room hasn't a fine table top or a floor.

1362 Often when a person starts to rest on his laurels he discovers they are poison ivy.

1363 Social tact is making your company feel at home, even though you wish they were.

1364 All kinds of social knowledge and graces are useful, but one of the best is to be able to yawn with your mouth closed.

1365 There isn't much practical advice to be given the hopeful young graduate, except to marry the first girl he finds who has a steady job.

1366 Generally speaking, a Communist is a person who has given up hope of becoming a capitalist.

1367 The reason father prefers a roast of beef to chicken when they are having guests for dinner is because with beef he can get what the guests do, instead of having to decorate his plate with the neck.

1368 We can't understand why goods sent by ship is called a cargo, while goods sent in a car is a shipment.

1369 If both sides make you laugh, you are broad-minded.

1370 When you sell yourself, be sure that you don't misrepresent the goods.

1371 Some folks would rather blow their own horn than listen to the Marine band.

1372 When you argue with a fool, be sure he isn't similarly engaged.

1373 The two most important muscles which operate without the direction of the brain are the heart and the tongue.

1374 "A vegetarian diet is best for those who would be beautiful," we read. Well, it does not seem to have done much for the elephant.—*Punch* (London)

1375 All we know about "hard" and "easy" money is that any kind is both—hard to get and easy to spend.—*Atlanta Journal.*

1376 Clothes don't make a man, but they can break a husband.

1377 The Smithsonian Institution reveals that there is 45 trillion dollars worth of gold in the ocean, but we don't suppose it will comfort a seasick guy much to know he's rolling in wealth.—*Boston Herald*

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1414 Patent medicine ads are so attractive that it makes a man who has his health feel like he is missing something

1415 The cost of living is always about the same—all a fellow has.

1416 An English neurologist says that a man who owns a car seldom walks in his sleep, but we bet, if he's got a family, he does it a lot when he's awake.

1417 It's hard to tell whether some people are walking to reduce—or reduced to walking

1418 We've always believed that breaking a mirror is a good sign. It means that you're going to live at least another seven years.

1419 The best sense of humor is that which tells you what is not safe to laugh at.

1420 *Home is where part of the family waits until the rest of them bring back the car*

1421 They say that every bride who is married isn't happy—just triumphant.

1422 When a man begins to realize the truth about himself, it frequently retards his program for reforming his neighbors.

1423 So much down usually means so much to keep up.

1424 A recent society bride had six bridesmaids in hyacinth blue silk and two pages in rich crimson velvet, with gold lace. *A pale bridegroom completed the color scheme.*

1425 We understand that tickets for a Hollywood garden party were issued to admit "Bearer and one wife."

1426 Thirty is a nice age for a woman, especially if she happens to be forty

1427 According to a doctor singing warms the blood. We have heard some that has made ours positively boil.

1428 Love at first sight is possible, *but it is always well to wipe off your spectacles and take a second look.*

1429 Now and then one picks up a magazine on the stands that makes one curious to see the stuff the editor rejected.

1430 So far, no modern has invented an intelligence test to equal matrimony

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1450 Golf liars have one advantage over the fishing kind—they don't have to show anything to prove it.

1451 About the time one learns how to make the most of life, the most of it is gone.

1452 Some motorists are in such a hurry to get into the next county that they go right on into the next world.

1453 Among the things that seem to grow by leaps and bounds are the children in the apartment overhead.

1454 Many a man of Presidential timber turns out to be but another splinter.

1455 Be satisfied with a little. The atom has taken its split without beefing.

1456 What this country needs is a man who can be right and President at the same time.

1457 "An Eskimo woman is old at forty," says an explorer. An American woman is not old at forty. In fact, she's not even forty.

1458 The comic strips seem to amuse the younger generation, but it must wonder at times what other use a rolling-pin has.—*Jackson News*

1459 It takes three generations or one good guess in the stock market to make a gentleman.—*Springfield Union*

1460 A wizard is the person who can keep up with the neighbors and the installments, too.—*Chicago Times*

1461 The timid girl who blushes and hesitates before marriage about accepting even a bunch of flowers or a box of candy will grab a man's pay envelope after marriage before he gets in the front door.

1462 What a world! To be a valedictorian and then get a job working for a fellow who dropped out at the eighth grade.—*San Francisco Chronicle*

1463 Well, there's still a sucker being born every minute. The trouble is he hasn't got anything you can take away from him.

1464 It's nice to have four years between elections. It takes people that long to regain their faith.

1465 You can fool some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time and the rest of the time somebody else will fool them.

1466 We used to worry about future generations becoming soft, but no more. Not when we think of the bond issues they're going to have to pay off.—*Judge*

1467 A college professor declares that contrary to scientific opinion, the interior of the earth is not so hot. In our opinion, the same thing is true of the exterior

1468 One trouble with the world is that there are always more victors than spoils.

1469 Another change the game of bridge needs is a cross-bar under the table.

1470 If you want economy never let an economic question get into politics.

1471 American women are so beautiful they can wear anything. The trouble is they won't.

1472 Problems in marriage often arise because a man too often shows his worst side to his better half.

1473 What any government almost invariably needs is more pruning and less grafting

1474 A good many human dynamos are short-circuited in a few years.

1475 Some day we hope to be wise enough to get the vitamins that wild animals get by eating what they like.

1476 A politician doesn't stand on his record, he jumps on the other fellow's.

1477 The two agencies used to redistribute great fortunes are taxation and offspring.—*Muskogee Phoenix.*

1478 The human race ar [illegible] improved everything except people.—*Easton Express.* [illegible] "Do Y[illegible] recover you

1479 The great lead [illegible] never permits his followers to discover that he is as dumb [illegible] *Rochester Times-Union.*

1480 We wonder [illegible] ment founders of this nation would have talked so glowingly of posterity if they had known we were going to be it.

1481 On the political menu, too, applesauce is served with pork.—*Philadelphia Inquirer*

1482 A small town is one where the folks know all the news before the paper comes out, but merely take it to see whether or not the editor got the stories according to the way they heard them.

1483 "The first lie detector" says Sam Hill in the Cincinnati *Enquirer* "was made out of the rib of a man." And no improvement has ever been made on the original machine.

1484 It won't hurt us to discover that "roughing it" means more than riding with the sedan windows open.

1485 Man is like a car Just so much mileage in him, whether he runs it out in 40 years or 80.—*Cedar Falls Record*

1486 In some respects the idea of finger-printing children seems to be a good one. At least it will settle the question as to who used the guest towel in the bathroom.

1487 A kiss is a peculiar proposition. Of no use to one, yet absolute bliss to two. The small boy gets it for nothing the young man has to lie for it, and the old man has to buy it. The baby's right, the lover's privilege, and the hypocrite's mask. To a young girl, faith to a married woman, hope and to an old maid, charity.—*V P I Skipper*

1488 The great difficulty in amplifiers is that they amplify the speaker's voice, but not his ideas.

1489 A past President of the United States was said to have written a history of America in one sentence, reading as follows "America was discovered in 1492, and now look at the darn thing"

1490 When a boy marries, two opinions prevail at the home he is leaving: His mother thinks he is throwing himself away and his sisters think the girl is.

1491 All work and no play makes Jack for the nerve specialist.

1492 Some people are like French bread—little dough, but lots of crust.

1493 Nowadays a businessman is judge[illegible] hesitates befo[illegible] andy will gr[illegible]pany he keeps solvent.

1494 And there was that dumb girl in por[illegible]ty house who thought spot hides came from a leopard.

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1496 Contentment has one big advantage over wealth friends don't try to borrow it from you.

1497 The young man who worked so hard to graduate later wonders what the hurry was.

1498 We send our actors to England and England sends her actors to us. It's getting to be hams across the sea.

1499 In the very near future men will eat baked beans and say: "Ah, dear these are just like those in the cans mother used to open."

1500 It's a good thing that politicians are generally paid by the year. They would starve to death on piecework.

1501 Whenever everybody tends to his own business, news is scarce.

1502 One reason we are a great nation is because we have been unable to exhaust our natural resources in spite of our best efforts.

1503 Pat a man on the back and you may make his head swell.

1504 Almost any time now we may expect to see the restaurants retaliate by putting in a line of drugs and toilet articles.

1505 The man who saves money nowadays isn't a miser: he's a wizard.

1506 You should try to save something while your salary is small. It is almost impossible to save after you begin earning more.

1507 The bigger the bankroll, the tighter the rubber band.

1508 The trouble with self-made men is that they quit the job too early.

1509 A sordid money-grabber is anybody who grabs more money than you can grab.

1510 The subways are becoming so crowded that even the men can't all get seats.

1511 More times than not a woman is responsible for her husband's success because of the money she makes it necessary for him to make.

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1516 A cynic recently said of his wife: "At the end of the evening she was so tired she could hardly keep her mouth open."

1483 "The first lie detector" says Sam Hill in the Cincinnati *Enquirer* "was made out of the rib of a man." And no improvement has ever been made on the original machine.

1484 It won't hurt us to discover that "roughing it" means more than riding with the sedan windows open.

1485 Man is like a car Just so much mileage in him, whether he runs it out in 40 years or 80.—*Cedar Falls Record*

1486 In some respects the idea of finger-printing children seems to be a good one. At least it will settle the question as to who used the guest towel in the bathroom.

1487 A kiss is a peculiar proposition. Of no use to one, yet absolute bliss to two. The small boy gets it for nothing, the young man has to lie for it, and the old man has to buy it. The baby's right, the lover's privilege, and the hypocrite's mask. To a young girl, faith, to a married woman, hope and to an old maid, charity.—*V P I Skipper*

1488 The great difficulty in amplifiers is that they amplify the speaker's voice, but not his ideas.

1489 A past President of the United States was said to have written a history of America in one sentence, reading as follows "America was discovered in 1492, and now look at the darn thing"

1490 When a boy marries, two opinions prevail at the home he is leaving: His mother thinks he is throwing himself away and his sisters think the girl is.

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1496 Contentment has one big advantage over wealth, friends don't try to borrow it from you.

1497 The young man who worked so hard to graduate later wonders what the hurry was.

1498 We send our actors to England and England sends her actors to us. It's getting to be hams across the sea.

1534 If all the road-hogs were laid end to end, that would be Utopia—*Greensboro (Ga.) Herald-Journal.*

1535 Scientists say that only one man in a hundred has a perfect voice. The rest of them, however insist upon singing "Sweet Adeline."—*Grand Rapids Press.*

1536 In the approaching campaign, a Washington gossip note says, party-managers will concentrate their efforts only on promising candidates. What! Is there any other kind?—Boston *Herald*

1537 Most of us go through life on a five-cent fare and then ask for a transfer.

1538 An optimist says his glass is still half full, a pessimist declares that his glass is already half empty

1539 The bigger a man's head gets, the easier it is to fill his shoes.

1540 Evolution: Dress, $3.75; frock, $19.98; gown, $65; creation, $225.

1541 Don't be afraid of having too many irons in the fire, if the fire is hot enough.

1542 A man can't even blow his own horn nowadays until he completes all the payments.

1543 A fool and his money sooner or later wind up in college.

1544 Someone has observed that it takes a student 20 minutes longer to say what he thinks than to tell what he knows.

1545 When he gets into a taxi, they leave the "vacant" sign up.

1546 He was just one of the ciphers in the "400."

1547 That toastmaster is the living proof that all oil cans aren't in the toolbox.

1548 She was a woman of few words, but often.

1549 That farm is so muddy you have to jack up the cows to milk them.

1550 They call him Tonsillitis, because he's a pain in the neck.

1551 We call him Asthma—he's so full of old wheezes.

1552 A woman's tears are the greatest water-power known to man.—*Atchison County Mail.*

1553 All things come to him who waits, but they are apt to be pretty well shop-worn.

1517 An average woman's vocabulary is said to be about 500 words. Small inventory, but think of the turnover

1518 It's worth the taxi fare to feel you don't care what happens to the fenders.

1519 There are 17,000,000 telephones in the United States, so when a girl makes it in two guesses she isn't doing so badly at that.

1520 The broad general rule is that a man is about as big as the things that *make him mad.*

1521 A lot of nice, fat turkey gobblers would strut less if they could see into the future.

1522 The theater at the present time, is not holding a mirror up to life, but a keyhole.

1523 It is said that the engineers of the faster trains eventually lose their nerve. The porters, of course, don't have to be up there in the cab.

1524 The camera never lies, and it takes a family album to convince some people that the truth is a terrible thing

1525 The greatest consolation for many vacationists is that they have found, at least, where to stay away from next time.

1526 A resort is a place where the natives live on your vacation until next summer

1527 The polls are places where you stand in line for a chance to decide who will spend your money

1528 Man wants but little here below, but he usually gets along on less.

1529 The greatest paradox of them all is still civilized warfare.

1530 One trouble with the country is that it wants to raise nothing but cotton and wear nothing but silk.

1531 Maybe what's wrong with this generation is that too many parents' slippers are being worn out on the dancing floors.

1532 The poet, Heine, once said to a caller, "My head today is perfectly barren, and you will find me stupid enough for a friend has been here, and we exchanged ideas."

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Some Answers from Sophomores

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1604 Riches are no menace if we do not divorce dollars from sense.

1605 At a certain age some people's minds close up. They live on their intellectual fat.—*W. L. Phelps*

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1715 Snobbery is the pride of those who are not sure of their position.—*Berton Braley.*

1716 Be pretty if you can, be witty if you must, be agreeable if it kills you.—*Elsie De Wolfe.*

1717 Some folk seem to get the idea they're worth a lot of money just because they have it.—*Seth Parker.*

1718 A young girl came into a member bank to buy some defense savings stamps. When the teller asked her what denomination, she replied, "Presbyterian."—*Savings Banks Bulletin.*

is less than the income, the surtax upon the excess over the amount at the rate indicated in the table." Instruction on income-tax blank. We contend that the government should supply a slide rule, prayer book, and ouija board with each income-tax return-form.—*Washington Post.*

1689 When you hear some folks you know blow and brag, you are reminded of the time the flea said to the elephant, "*Boy, didn't we shake that new bridge when we crossed it?*"—*Goodland News*

1690 A thoughtful economist has just written a 100-page "Short History of Money." We could write a history of ours in six words "Here it is! There it goes!"—*Boston Herald*

1691 Found on a Freshman's registration card Name of parents "Mamma and Papa."—*Columbus Jester*

1692 "A Toast," exclaimed the hobo lifting his tomato can. "Here's to de holidays! Bless de hull t'ree hundred and sixty-five of 'em!"

1693 Lloyd George, in one of his lighter moments, said that "tranquillity is never a philosophy or a policy It is simply a great yawn."

1694 *Most of us are confident we could move the mountains if somebody* would clear the hills out of our way

1695 Making love is like making pie. All you need is a lot of crust and some *applesauce. (Then mix it with a spoon.)*

1696 A famous old inn claims to own a sixty-year-old cheese. It is, of course, still going strong

1697 Sign on a Scottish golf course: Members will refrain from picking up lost balls until they have stopped rolling

1698 "Multiple births are more frequent in larger families," declares a statistician. It's mighty hard to fool these statisticians.

1699 In trying to convey an important idea to another person, the Irishman said, "If I can get this one idea into your head, you will have it in a nut shell."—*Dr Emory W Luccock*

1700 A good speech has a good beginning and a good ending, both of which are kept very close together

1701 Many a man keeps his nose to the grindstone so his wife can turn hers up at the neighbors.—*The Scandal Sheet Graham Texas*

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1801 *Depression*—A period when you can't spend money you don't have.

1802 *Detour*—The roughest distance between two points.

1803 *Diplomat*—An honest man sent abroad to lie for his country. A man who pours banana oil on troubled waters.

1804 *Discretion*—When you are sure you are right and then ask your wife.

1805 *Doctor*—A man who has his tonsils, adenoids and appendix.

1806 *Dog*—The same as bill collector. Both will stick to a fellow when he hasn't got a cent.

1807 *Dough*—A misnomer for money; dough sticks to your fingers.

1808 *Dramatic critic*—A man who gives the best jeers of his life to the theater.

1809 *Draw*—A term used to describe the result of a battle between a dentist and a patient.

1810 *Dumb Dora*—A coed who is so dumb she brings her cosmetics for a make-up exam.

1811 *Economist*—One who tells you what to do with your money after you have done something else with it.

1812 *Education*—"The inculcation of the incomprehensible into the ignorant by the incompetent."—*Sir Josiah Stamp.* The only thing a man is willing to pay for and hopes he doesn't get. Training that helps one to make more money unless he becomes an educator.

1813 *Election year*—One year in four when the great national dish is tripe.

1814 *Electrician*—A man who wires for money.

1815 *Elephant*—A useful animal with a vacuum-cleaner in front and a rug-beater at the back.

1816 *Error*—Something wrong—a mistake. To illustrate: First Tramp: "Is this right? I have et." Second Tramp: "No. That's an error. It's wrong." First Tramp: "What's the mistake?" Second Tramp: "You ain't et yet."

1817 *Error in judgment*—A man who thinks he has an open mind when it's merely vacant.

1818 *Example*—To give an illustration. The teacher asked the student to give an example of the word "boycott." The student said, "The wind blew down my brother's neck and the boycott an awful cold.

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1820 *Faithful*—An adjective which describes a man's mother-in-law She never leaves him no matter what he does.

1821 *Farm*—A portion of land entirely covered by a mortgage.

1822 *Farsighted*—A term used to describe a man who wouldn't take a chance on an auto raffle because he didn't have a garage. When one buys three lawn mowers—two for the neighbors to use. To order three eggs in a restaurant—one for your vest.

1823 *Father*—A fellow who is put on the pan if he doesn't bring home the bacon.

1824 *Female archer*—A girl who works on eyebrows in a beauty parlor

1825 *Flaw*—What the Harvard graduate thinks you walk on in a house.

1826 *Floating debt*—A 1929 yacht that hasn't been paid for

1827 *Football coach*—A fellow who is willing to lay down your life for his school.

1828 *Frog*—The only living thing that has more lives than a cat. It croaks every night.

1829 *Gentleman*—Any man who wouldn't hit a woman with his hat on.—*Fred Allen.*

1830 *Gold-digger*—A woman who doesn't marry a man for his money but divorces him for it. A woman who will be five years older twenty years from now The difference between a millionaire and her is that he's got what it takes, and she takes what he's got.

1831 *Golf optimist*—The fellow who said he made fifteen on the first hole, fourteen on the second, thirteen on the third, and then blew up.

1832 *Grammatical error*—The use of poor English. Illustration Lady (to tramp) "Did you notice that pile of wood?" Tramp "Yes m, I seen it." Lady: "You have made a grammatical error You mean you saw it." Tramp "No m. You saw me see it, but you haven't seen me saw it."

1833 *Grapefruit*—The most frequently used American eye tonic.

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1858 *Lame duck*—A politician whose goose has been cooked.

1859 *Law of diminishing returns*—An economic law familiar to laundrymen.

1860 *Lean years ahead*—What every woman hopes for

1861 *Lend me your ears*—A phrase used by Marc Antony and by the mothers of ten million six year-olds.

1862 *Life insurance*—A plan that keeps you poor all your life so you can die rich.

1863 *Limburger cheese business*—A business that always goes strong

1864 *Love at first sight*—The world's greatest time-saver

1865 *Lucky*—To have things go your way—illustrated in the conversation of two colored men playing cards "Ah wins." "What yuh got?" "Three aces." "No yuh don t. Ah wins." "What yuh got?" "Two nines an a razor" "Yuh sho win. How come yuh so lucky?"

1866 *Major general*—The army officer who has his men behind him before the battle and ahead of him during it.

1867 *Man*—The only animal with brains enough to find a cure for the diseases caused by his own folly

1868 *Man of few words*—One who takes three hours to tell you he is a man of few words. Husband.

1869 *Manager of doughnut factory*—A fellow who has charge of the hole works.

1870 *Married life*—A period when you make progress if you break even. The most dangerous year in married life is the first, then comes the second, third, fourth, fifth, etc. Has three stages—cooing—wedding—billing

1871 *Married man's razor*—His wife's pencil sharpener

1872 *Microscope expert*—A person who magnifies everything

1873 *Modern girl*—A girl who wants to go with every Tom Dick and marry She marries for money in order to make her dream come through She demands the troth, the whole troth, and nothing but the troth. She is not so much

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1874 *Monkey business*—A lecture on evolution.

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1877 *Mystery*—How the Joneses do it on that salary.

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1881 *Oleomargarine*—A food bought by people who have seen butter days.

1882 *On the rocks*—A phrase meaning a person is either bankrupt or working in jail. The difference is inconsequential.

1883 *One set of dinner dishes*—A measure for the time the average maid lasts in an American home. If it's Woolworth china, it takes six weeks to break a set; Wedgwood, two weeks.

1884 *Open mind*—The mind of a man who has the will power to get rid of his present prejudices and take on a new set of prejudices. Sometimes, a case of a man merely rearranging his prejudices.

1885 *Opportunity of a lifetime*—A second-hand car. You can always hear it knocking.

1886 *Optimist*—One who looks in a cuckoo clock for eggs—or who takes a frying pan on a fishing trip.

1887 *Overworked*—To be busy continually. Example: a can opener in a kitchenette.

1888 *Parking space*—An unoccupied space about seven feet wide and fifteen feet long next to the curb—on the other side of the street. Ed Wynn says a parking space is the place where you take your car to have those little dents put in the mudguards.

1889 *Perfection*—An alarm clock that doesn't ring.

1856 *Kibitzer*—A guy with an inferiority complex.

1857 *Kitchenette couples*—Married folks who can say, "Now, Helen, you take the can opener and I'll take the poodle, and we'll move again."

1858 *Lame duck*—A politician whose goose has been cooked.

1859 *Law of diminishing returns*—An economic law familiar to laundrymen.

1860 *Lean years ahead*—What every woman hopes for

1861 *Lend me your ears*—A phrase used by Marc Antony and by the mothers of ten million six-year-olds.

1862 *Life insurance*—A plan that keeps you poor all your life so you can die rich.

1863 *Limburger cheese business*—A business that always goes strong

1864 *Love at first sight*—The world's greatest time-saver

1865 *Lucky*—To have things go your way—illustrated in the conversation of two colored men playing cards "Ah wins." "What yuh got?" "Three aces." "No yuh don't. Ah wins." "What yuh got?" "Two nines an a razor" "Yuh sho win. How come yuh so lucky?"

1866 *Major general*—The army officer who has his men behind him before the battle and ahead of him during it.

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1897 *Premonition*—A warning of something to happen. Illustrations An itching palm indicates you are about to receive something An itching head shows that you already have something

1898 *Prison warden*—A person who makes his living by his pen.

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1900 *P[illegible]rity*—A period when there are a lot of after-dinner speakers after dinners [illegible]-peak after

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"Heck, no. This hasn't any tune," the violinist replied.

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Infinite patience is the price that many a man has paid for success. Gibbon worked twenty years on his "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." Noah Webster spent thirty-six years on his dictionary. George Bancroft spent twenty-six years on his "History of the United States."

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1970 LINCOLN

The battle of Gettysburg had just been fought. Lincoln sensed an opportunity to end the war by driving hard against Lee's army in retreat. A swift, daring attack might do it. As commander-in-chief of the army he ordered General Meade to pursue. A friendly note in the president's handwriting accompanied the instructions:

"The order I enclose is not of record. If you succeed, you need not publish the order. If you fail, publish it. Then, if you succeed, you will have all the credit of the movement. If not, I'll take all the responsibility."

That was Abraham Lincoln, brave, self-effacing, a nobleman in thought and deed.

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Printer, editor publisher business man, financier economist and teacher of thrift, philosopher moralist, and advocate of the simple life, scientist and patron of education, philanthropist, statesman diplomat—and above all a man and a patriot, he is claimed as their own by more groups than any other person in our history. With truth he has been characterized as "A Man" so various, that he seemed not one but all mankind's epitome. Someone has called him a typical American rather might we think of him as a composite

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1972 TACT

Charles Schwab walked through a factory. He saw three men smoking. He did not reprimand them. He merely reached in his pocket, took out three cigars and said, "Boys, have a cigar on me, but I should appreciate it if you would not smoke it during working hours."

1973 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Did you ever stop to wonder who invented the old fashioned stove—or bifocal glasses—who first advocated the use of copper for roofs—who conceived of a damper for chimneys—who first pointed out that white is the coolest thing to wear in summer—who invented the long pole that is now used in grocery stores to reach articles on top shelves—who thought of a combined chair and step-ladder—who was responsible for the paving and lighting of streets—who thought it would be nice to have trees bordering both sides of streets—who formed the first library company—the first fire company—the first American fire insurance company—who founded the dead letter office and the penny post—who was responsible for American university education? Well, it was Benjamin Franklin, who incidentally was the first president of America's oldest university—the University of Pennsylvania.—*The Fenton Point.*

1974 WINSTON S. CHURCHILL

A story of Winston S. Churchill—told by Gertrude Atherton

"Shortly after he left the Conservative side of the House (of Commons) for the liberal, he was taking a certain young woman down to dinner, when she looked up at him coquettishly and remarked with the audacity of her kind:

'There are two things I don't like about you, Mr. Churchill.'

'And what are they?'

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"Heck, no. This hain't any tune," the violinist replied.

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The battle of Gettysburg had just been fought. Lincoln sensed an opportunity to end the war by driving hard against *Lee's army in retreat. A swift,* daring attack might do it. As commander-in-chief of the army, he ordered General Meade to pursue. A friendly note in the president's handwriting accompanied the instructions:

"The order I enclose is not of record. If you succeed, you need not publish the order. If you fail, publish it. Then, if you succeed, you will have all the credit of the movement. If not, I'll take all the responsibility."

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Charles Schwab walked through a factory He saw three men smoking He did not reprimand them. He merely reached in his pocket, took out three cigars and said, "Boys, have a cigar on me, but I should appreciate it if you would not smoke it during working hours."

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Did you ever stop to wonder who invented the old-fashioned stove—or bifocal glasses—who first advocated the use of copper for roofs—who conceived of a damper for chimneys—who first pointed out that white is the coolest thing to wear in summer—who invented the long pole that is now used in grocery stores to reach articles on top shelves—who thought of a combined chair and step-ladder—who was responsible for the paving and lighting of streets—who thought it would be nice to have trees bordering both sides of streets—who formed the first library company—the first fire company—the first American fire insurance company—who founded the dead letter office and the penny post—who was responsible for American university education? Well, it was Benjamin Franklin, who incidentally was the first president of America's oldest university—the University of Pennsylvania.—*The Fusion Point.*

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A story of Winston S. Churchill—told by Gertrude Atherton

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Many writers, scientists and distinguished men have had to make a living in business, government and various fields while they pursued their other interests as time permitted. Chaucer was a soldier and later comptroller of petty customs. Spencer was secretary to the Lord Deputy of Ireland, Bacon was a lawyer before he became lord keeper and lord chancellor. Addison was secretary of state. Shakespeare managed a theater and was but an ordinary actor. Dante and Boccaccio were in embassies. Galileo was a physician, Schiller a surgeon. De Foe was a brick and tile maker and a shop keeper. John Stuart Mill was an examiner in the East India House, and Charles Lamb also worked there. Macaulay wrote the "Lays of Ancient Rome" while holding the position of secretary of war. Ricardo was a banker. Sir Isaac Newton was a Master of the Mint.

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2004 FAILURES

Lord Bulwer's life was a succession of failures, crowned with final triumph. His first novel was a *failure*; his first drama was a *failure*; so were his first speeches and poems. But he fought both defeat and ridicule and finally won a place with Thackeray and Dickens.

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Washington lost more battles than he won. But he triumphed in the end.

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2005 TIME

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"Nothing is longer, since it is the measure of eternity."

"Nothing is shorter, since it is insufficient for the accomplishment of your projects."

"Nothing is more slow to him that expects; nothing more rapid to him that enjoys."

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"That," he answered, "is keeping your mouth shut."

Christian Register

2016 NAPOLEON III

The brilliant and beautiful Irish lady, the Countess of Blessington, had befriended Louis Napoleon, later Napoleon III, when he was a fugitive, exiled in England

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2019 ROYALTY

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2025 SIMPLE OR COMPLEX ECONOMY

We are told that, when Washington, Jefferson and company originally assigned tasks to governmental and business leaders, we had in this country a "simple economy" and that now we have a "complex economy" though I have never been able to see why one is complex and the other is simple. When my grandmother had to build a fire out of buffalo chips and make a pot of soup out of nothing that wasn't so simple. My daughter can turn on the gas, open up a tin can and there is the soup. I would like to know which is the complex and which is the simple.—*B E Heacock* President, Caterpillar Tractor Company

2026 COMPOUND INTEREST

Here are four rules that will help anyone who wants to know just what money will do

At 4 per cent compound interest, money will double itself in a little less than eighteen years.

At 5 per cent compound interest, money will double itself in approximately fourteen years.

At 6 per cent compound interest, money will double itself in approximately twelve years.

At 8 per cent compound interest, money will double itself in about nine years.

When these facts are understood, large fortunes are not so wonderful after all, and a person only wonders that more families do not possess them.

2027 CODE OF CONDUCT

Written in 1858 for the four employees of Carson, Pirie & Company now Carson Pirie, Scott & Company Chicago.

"Store must be open from 6 a. m. to 9 p. m. the year round. Store must be swept; counter base and showcases dusted, lamps trimmed, filled and chimneys cleaned pens made doors and windows opened a pail of water and a bucket of coal brought in before breakfast (if there is time to do so and attend to customers who call)

"Store must not be opened on the Sabbath, *unless necessary to do* and then only *for a few minutes.*

"The employee who is in the habit of smoking Spanish cigars, being shaved

at the barber shop, going to dances and other places of amusement, will surely give his employer reason to be suspicious of his integrity and honesty

"Each employee must pay not less than $5 per year to the church and must attend Sunday school regularly

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Some of these rules may seem a bit humorous now but there are great lessons in this code for all of us.

228 **WORDS**

Of the 400,000 words in the English language, the working journalist is accredited with use of the largest number something less than 20,000. Clergymen, lawyers and doctors use an average of about 10,000 words. Skilled workers of ordinary education know about 5,000, farm laborers about 1,600. The sciences and professions have large numbers of words the layman never hears of. For instance, medical men and women must know the names of 433 muscles, 193 veins, 707 arteries, 500 pigments, 295 poisons, 109 tumors, 700 tests, over 200 diseases, and over 1,300 bacteria.

Yet with all these words, think of the people who still have trouble expressing themselves. Think of the people who constantly wonder what they are all about.

229 **EPITAPH**

A tombstone in an English village cemetery has the following inscription

"Here lies a miser who lived for himself,
And cared for nothing but gathering pelf,
Now [illegible] here he is or how he fares,
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230 **AMERICA [illegible] IN THE EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY**

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Wall Street Journal

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Rufus Choate, in association with Daniel Webster, was handling an important case for a Boston shipping house. Before him in the witness box was an Irish shipowner whom he was trying to confuse by asking him a long and involved question. According to a spectator the question wound all round the case and straggled through every street in Boston. But the witness remained calm and unruffled.

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2137 Flexible as figures in the hands of the statistician.—*Israel Zangwill.*

2138 Follow, as the night the day.—*Shakespeare*

2139 Folds up like a crush hat or a concertina.—*Irvin S Cobb*

2140 Shall fold their tents like the Arabs and as silently steal away.—*Longfellow*

2141 A forehead more pure than the Parian stone.—*Whittier*

2142 Poor and forgotten like a clod upon the field.—*Hugo.*

2143 Good fortune, like ripe fruit, ought to be enjoyed while it is present.—*Epictetus*

2144 Rattled like window shutters in a cyclone.

2145 The fragrance of her rich and delightful character still lingered about the place where she had lived, as a dried rosebud scents the drawer where it has withered and perished.—*Hawthorne*

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2147 The feeling of friendship is like that of being comfortably filled with roast beef.—*Dr Johnson*

2148 As frightened as Macbeth before the ghost of Banquo.—*Louis Veuillot.*

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2151 She had more ornaments than a circus band wagon.—*Herbert V Prochnow*

2152 Genius, like a torch, shines less in the broad daylight of the present than in the night of the past.—*J Petit Senn*

2153 Ghastly as a laugh in hell.—*Thomas Hardy*

2154 As regular as the roll of an army drum.

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2156 His eyes dilated and glistened like the last flame that shoots up from an expiring fire.—*Guy de Maupassant.*

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2162 Her eyes are grey like morning dew.—*W B Yeats.*

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2164 Gush like a fountain at its source.—*Donald G Mitchell.*

2165 His speech came in gusts, like linnets in the pauses of the wind.—*William De Morgan.*

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2167 Hairless as an egg.—*Robert Herrick*

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2200 Indolent as an old bachelor.—*Goethe*

2201 The highest intellects, like the tops of mountains, are the first to catch and reflect the dawn.—*Macaulay*

2202 Irrevocable as death.—*Charlotte Brontë*

2203 Ended abruptly like a rabbit's tail.

2204 As languid as a lilied pond.—*Norman Gale.*

2205 A lie is like a snow-ball, the longer it is rolled, the larger it is.—*Luther*

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2209 A face as wrinkled as a dried plum.

2210 Lingering like an unloved guest.—*Shelley*

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2240 God pardons like a mother who kisses away the repentant tears of her child.—*Henry Ward Beecher*

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2242 Pathetic as an autumn leaf.—*George Moore*

2243 Patiently as the spider weaves the broken web.—*Bulwer-Lytton.*

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2246 Pliable as wax.—*James Shirley*

2247 Poignant and silent like the terrible questioning of one's conscience. —*Joseph Conrad*

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2269 Shrink as though Death were passing in his shroud.—*John Masefield*

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2331 His head was as empty as a politician's speech.

2332 No more conscience than a fox in a poultry farm.—*G. B. Shaw*

2333 Desolate looking as a summer resort in midwinter.—*Richard Harding Davis.*

2334 He stood as erect as a Grecian pillar

2335 Her eyes looked like two rainy autumn moons.—*Henry James.*

2336 He felt like the symptoms on a medicine bottle.—*George Ade.*

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